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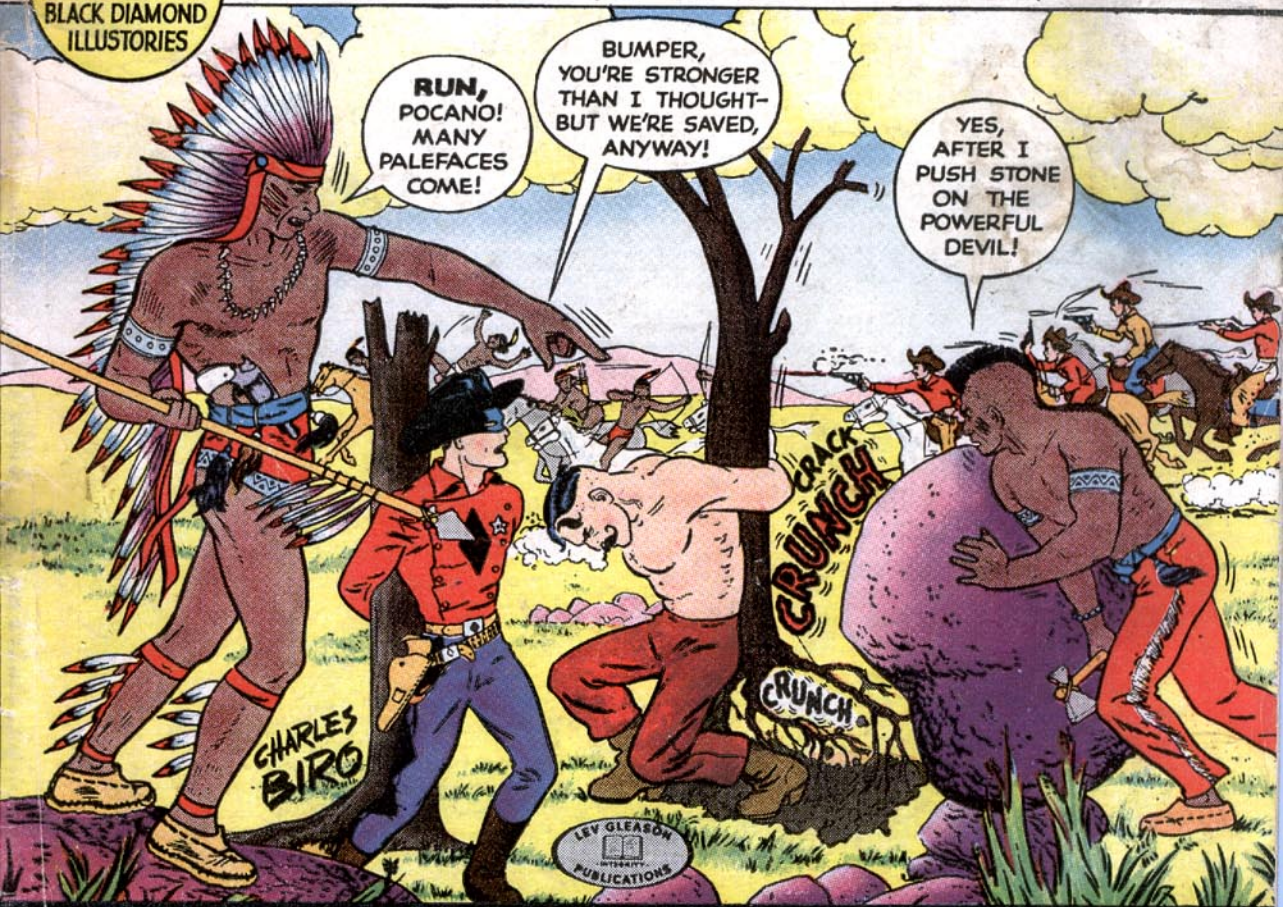
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RUN, POCANO! MANY PALEFACES COME!

BUMPER, YOU'RE STRONGER THAN I THOUGHT - BUT WE'RE SAVED, ANYWAY!

YES, AFTER I PUSH STONE ON THE POWERFUL DEVIL!

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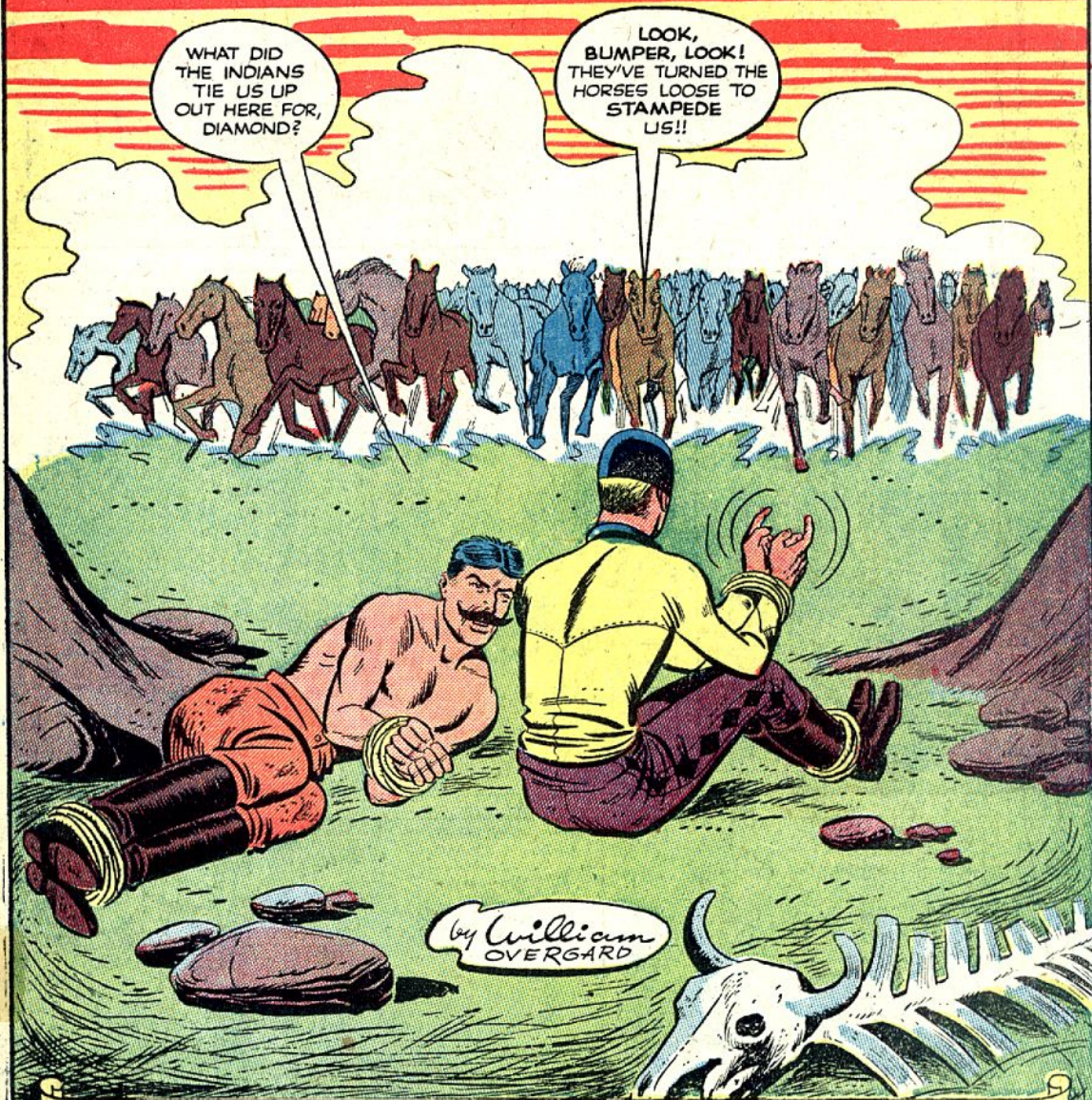
# BLACK DIAMOND

in "CHIEF FLYING FOX'S STAMPEDE"

WHAT CHANCE HAVE BLACK DIAMOND AND BUMPER TO SURVIVE—BOUND HAND AND FOOT—WITH HUNDREDS OF WILD HORSES THUNDERING DOWN ON THEM?

WHAT DID THE INDIANS TIE US UP HERE FOR, DIAMOND?

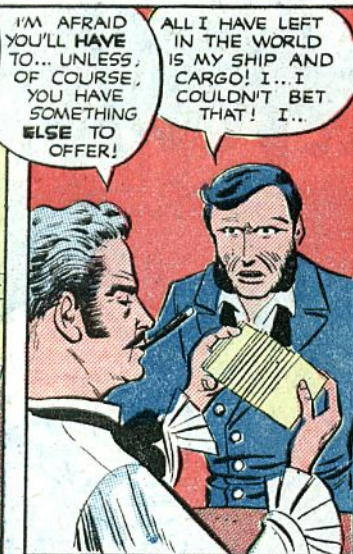
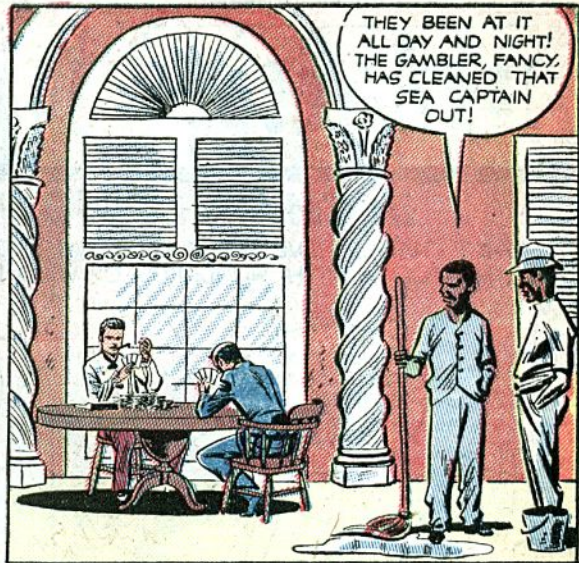
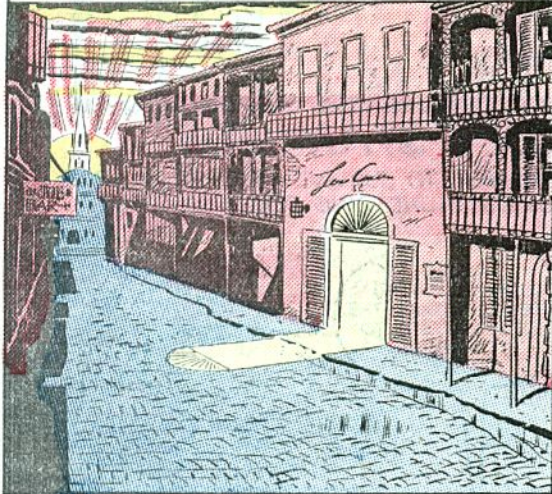
LOOK, BUMPER, LOOK! THEY'VE TURNED THE HORSES LOOSE TO STAMPEDE US!!



by William OVERGARD

**M**ANY MEN HAVE SET OUT TO CONQUER THE WEST, SOME RUTHLESS, SOME RELIGIOUS—ALL WITH A DOGGED DETERMINATION, BUT NONE IN SUCH A FASCINATING WAY AS FANCY, THE NOTORIOUS GAMBLER, WHO SOUGHT TO USE CHIEF FLYING FOX AND HIS TRIBE IN A RUTHLESS SCHEME TO RULE THE WEST!

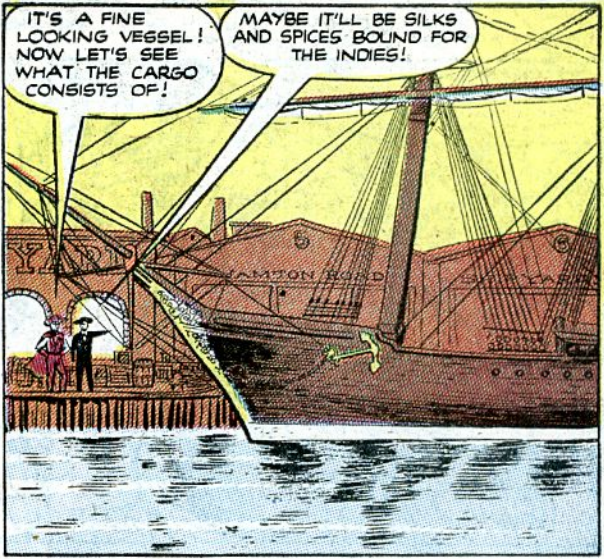
AUGUST 20, 1871...  
**NEW ORLEANS... DAWN...**





HE'S DEAD, ALL RIGHT—RIGHT THROUGH THE HEAD—UGH!

AHH—POOR CHAP! HE HAD NO BUSINESS GAMBLING WITH SUCH BAD NERVES! COME, GASON, WE MUST INSPECT OUR NEW RESPONSIBILITIES!



IT'S A FINE LOOKING VESSEL! NOW LET'S SEE WHAT THE CARGO CONSISTS OF!

MAYBE IT'LL BE SILKS AND SPICES BOUND FOR THE INDIES!



AHH, YOU'RE TOO ROMANTIC, GASON, MY BOY! I CAN TELL YOU RIGHT NOW THAT IT WILL BE GUNS AND MILITARY EQUIPMENT BOUND FOR A SOUTH AMERICAN REVOLUTION!

BUT... BUT HOW DO YOU KNOW?



HA! DID YOU THINK IT WAS BY CHANCE I ENGAGED THE CAPTAIN IN A GAME OF CARDS? HARDLY! IT WAS CAREFUL PLANNING AND A BIT OF... OF... MANIPULATING THE CARDS ON MY PART!

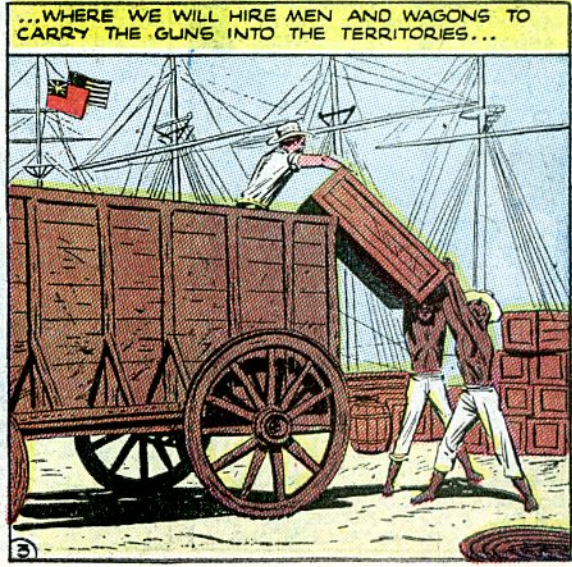
WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO WITH A BOATLOAD OF GUNS? SELL THEM?



SELL THEM—NO INDEED! THEY WILL BE MY STEPPING-STONE TO AN EMPIRE! DO YOU THINK I'M GOING TO SPEND THE REST OF MY LIFE AS A GAMBLER? BAH! I HAVE GREATER EXPECTATIONS! LISTEN...



FIRST WE WILL SAIL THE SHIP AROUND THE HORN TO SAN FRANCISCO...

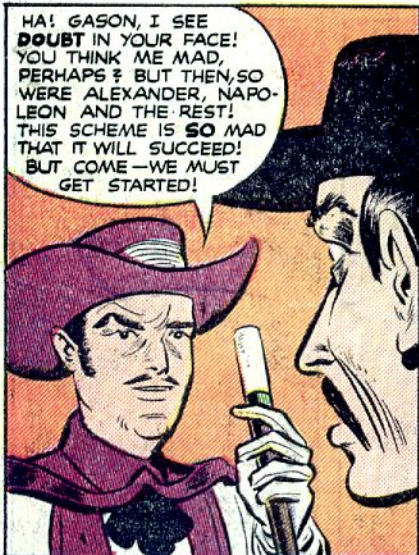


...WHERE WE WILL HIRE MEN AND WAGONS TO CARRY THE GUNS INTO THE TERRITORIES...

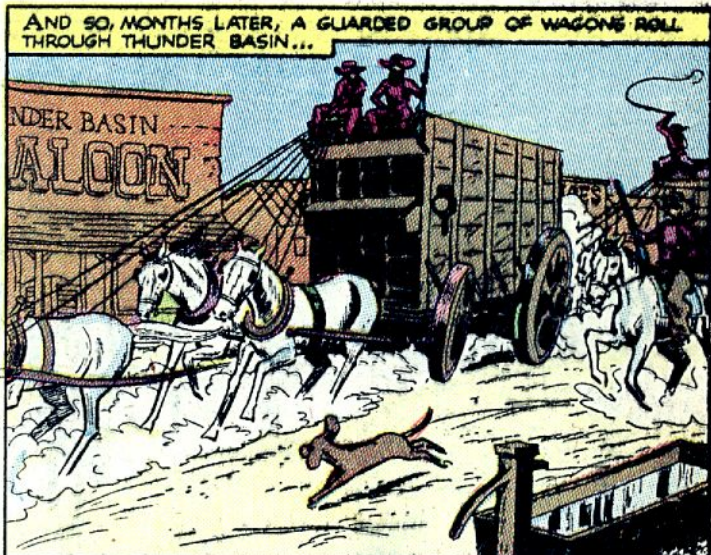
ONCE, DEEP IN THE FRONTIER, WE'LL GATHER TOGETHER THE THOUSANDS OF WARLIKE INDIANS AND WITH MY LEADERSHIP TO UNITE THEM, AND THESE GUNS TO ARM THEM, WE'LL SWEEP THE WEST AND SET UP OUR OWN EMPIRE!



HA! GASON, I SEE DOUBT IN YOUR FACE! YOU THINK ME MAD, PERHAPS? BUT THEN, SO WERE ALEXANDER, NAPOLEON AND THE REST! THIS SCHEME IS SO MAD THAT IT WILL SUCCEED! BUT COME—WE MUST GET STARTED!



AND SO, MONTHS LATER, A GUARDED GROUP OF WAGONS ROLL THROUGH THUNDER BASIN...



DO YOU NOTICE ANYTHING UNUSUAL ABOUT THOSE WAGONS, BUMPER?

THEY'VE GOT PLENTY OF GUARDS, BOB!

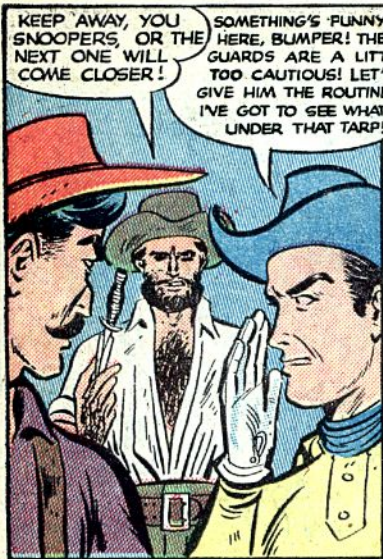


BOB VALE, THE BLACK DIAMOND, AND HIS PAL, BUMPER, NOTICE THE STRANGE-LOOKING PROCESSION...

COULD BE GOLD...OR WHISKEY, OR... SAY, IT COULDN'T HURT TO TAKE A LITTLE PEEK!

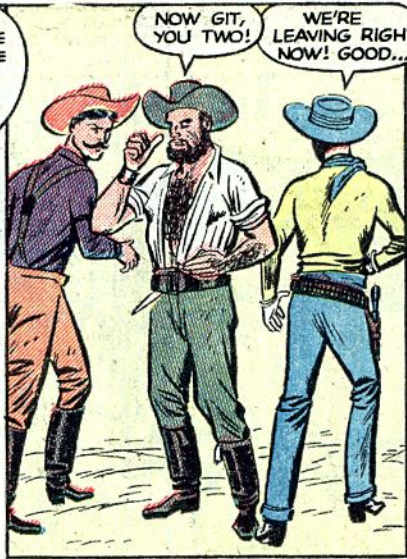
HMM—THEY'VE LEFT THIS ONE UNGUARDED! I'LL JUST LIFT THIS TARP AND...





KEEP AWAY, YOU SNOOPERS, OR THE NEXT ONE WILL COME CLOSER!

SOMETHING'S FUNNY HERE, BUMPER! THESE GUARDS ARE A LITTLE TOO CAUTIOUS! LET'S GIVE HIM THE ROUTINE-IVE GOT TO SEE WHAT'S UNDER THAT TARP!

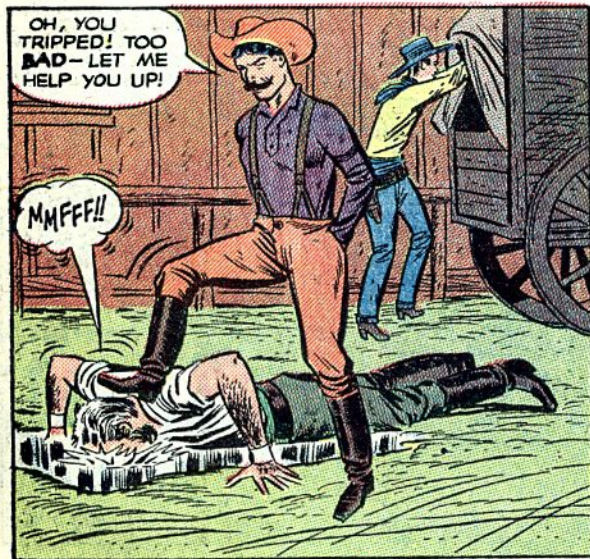


NOW GIT, YOU TWO!

WE'RE LEAVING RIGHT NOW! GOOD...



...BY!!



OH, YOU TRIPPED! TOO BAD-LET ME HELP YOU UP!

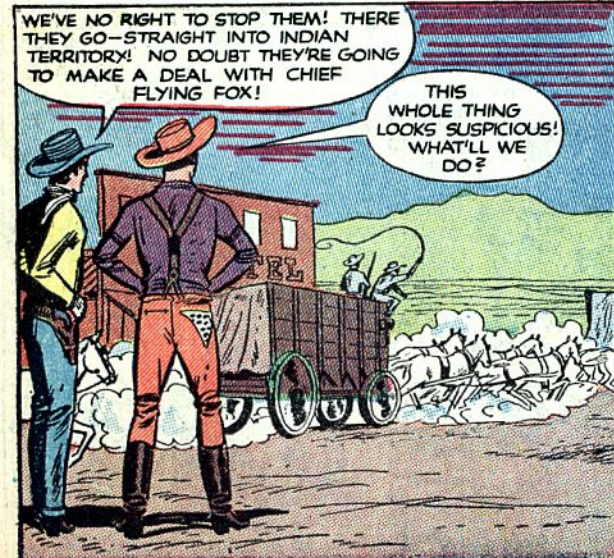
MMFFF!!



DID YOU GET A LOOK? WAS IT GOLD OR WHISKEY?

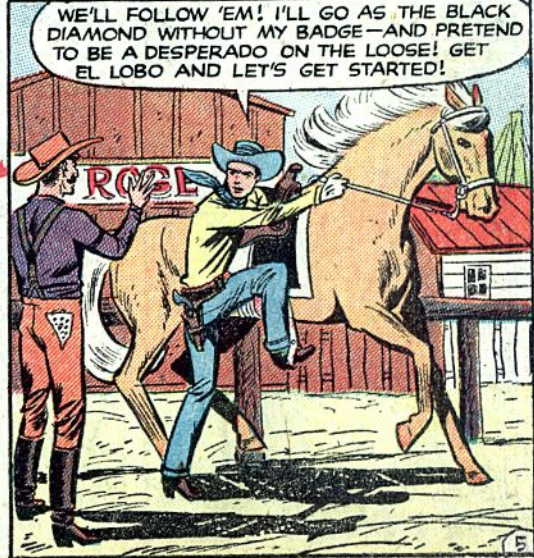
NEITHER! IT WAS GUNS! MODERN REPEATING GUNS! AND JUDGING FROM THEIR ACCENTS, THEY'RE REAL STRANGERS AROUND HERE! THERE MUST BE HUNDREDS OF 'EM!

?!!



WE'VE NO RIGHT TO STOP THEM! THERE THEY GO-STRAIGHT INTO INDIAN TERRITORY! NO DOUBT THEY'RE GOING TO MAKE A DEAL WITH CHIEF FLYING FOX!

THIS WHOLE THING LOOKS SUSPICIOUS! WHAT'LL WE DO?

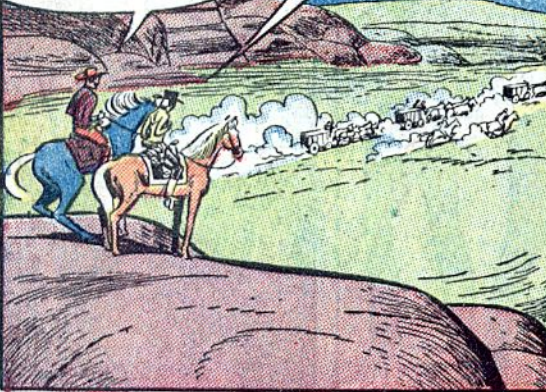


WE'LL FOLLOW 'EM! I'LL GO AS THE BLACK DIAMOND WITHOUT MY BADGE-AND PRETEND TO BE A DESPERADO ON THE LOOSE! GET EL LOBO AND LET'S GET STARTED!



WE'VE TRAILED THEM ABOUT TEN MILES OUT OF TOWN, DIAMOND! ARE WE GOING TO MAKE OUR BID TO JOIN THEM NOW? AND WHAT ABOUT YOUR OUTFIT? THEY MIGHT KNOW WHO YOU ARE!

NOT A CHANCE! THEY'RE NOT FROM ANYWHERE AROUND THESE PARTS- THEY'VE NEVER EVEN HEARD OF ME- TO SAY NOTHING OF RECOGNIZING ME! LET'S GO!



FANCY, LOOK!

YIP YIP YIPEE!!



LOOK AT THOSE CRAZY FOOLS RIDE! KEEP YOUR GUNS TRAINED ON THEM!

WHAT HORSEMANSHIP! ONE OF 'EM'S MASKED!

HAUL UP THERE, STRANGERS!

WHOA, RELIAPON, WHOAA... WHOAA...

HOWDY-HEARD YOU COULD USE A COUPLE OF GOOD SCOUTS WITH QUICK FINGERS!

YOU HEARD WRONG, MASKED MAN-WE GOT A FULL CREW! WE DON'T NEED ANYBODY, ESPECIALLY YOU!



NOT EVEN IF THEY KNEW CHIEF FLYING FOX PERSONALLY?

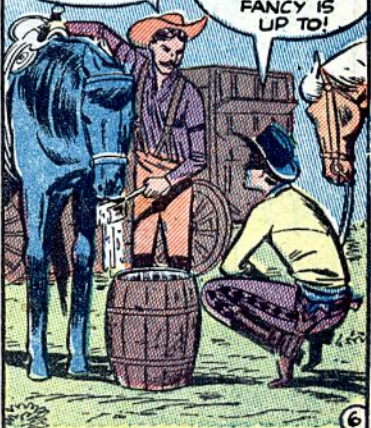
YOU KNOW FLYING FOX? WELL, THIS DOES CHANGE THINGS! MAYBE WE COULD USE A COUPLE OF EXTRA HANDS!

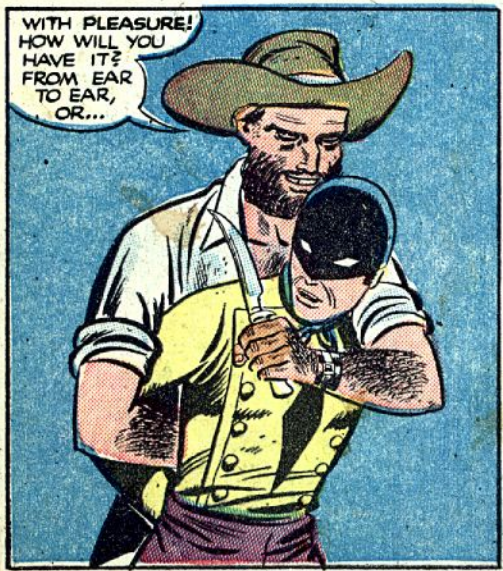
FANCY, ARE YOU CRAZY? WE DON'T KNOW THESE DRIFTERS!

BUT THEY KNOW FLYING FOX! WE'RE GOING TO NEED 'EM FOR A RENDEZVOUS WITH THE INDIANS! AND THEN-WHO KNOWS?

WE'VE BEEN ON THE TRAIL FIVE DAYS, DIAMOND- WE MUST BE GETTING INTO FLYING FOX'S TERRITORY!

HIS SCOUTS ARE PROBABLY WATCHING US! I'VE GOT TO MOVE FAST IF I'M GOING TO FIND OUT WHAT FANCY IS UP TO!

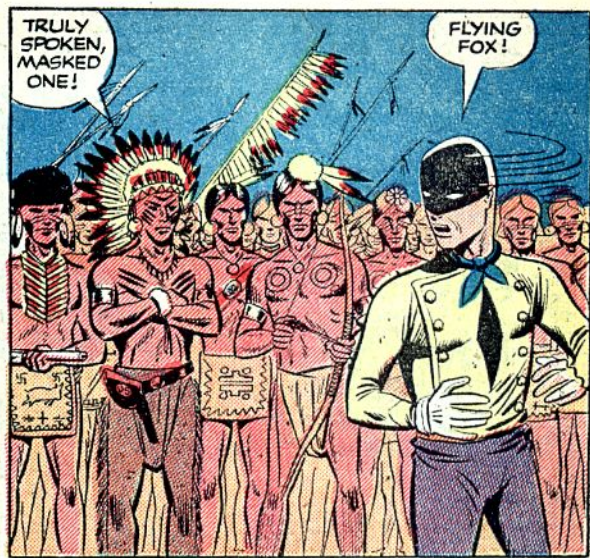






FANCY-LOOK-  
THE CAMP IS  
EMPTY! THE  
MEN HAVE  
DISAPPEARED!

YOU'RE IN FOR IT  
NOW, FANCY!  
THIS IS FLYING  
FOX'S WORK!



TRULY  
SPOKEN,  
MASKED  
ONE!

FLYING  
FOX!



I RECOGNIZE MY  
HUNTING COMPANION,  
BLACK DIAMOND-BUT  
WHO ARE THESE  
OTHERS THAT INVADE  
MY GROUND?

I COME WITH A  
PLAN, OH, CHIEF-  
A PLAN THAT WILL  
LEAD YOUR TRIBE  
TO VICTORY OVER  
THE ONES WHO  
OPPRESS YOU!



DON'T LISTEN TO  
HIM, CHIEF! HE  
WILL SEND YOUR  
PEOPLE TO RUIN  
AND DEATH!

I WILL HEAR  
HIS TALK!  
SPEAK OF THIS  
PLAN, WHITE  
MAN!

I HAVE TRAVELED  
MANY MOONS TO  
BRING YOU GUNS  
TO PUSH BACK  
YOUR  
ENEMIES!

YOU BRING  
GUNS?



YES, GUNS! LOOK,  
CHIEF-MANY GUNS!  
NEW GUNS FOR  
YOUR BRAVES!

BY THE EAGLE-THIS  
IS TRUE! WHAT DO  
YOU ASK OF US FOR  
THIS FAVOR?



THAT I MAY  
GUIDE YOU  
TO THESE  
VICTORIES!

DON'T LISTEN TO  
HIM, CHIEF!  
HE'S JUST USING  
YOU FOR HIS  
OWN SELFISH  
GAINS!

SILENCE! MANY  
WOUNDS HAVE  
MY PEOPLE  
SUFFERED FROM  
YOUR WHITE  
BROTHERS! NOW  
WE HAVE THE  
CHANCE TO  
REPAY THIS! I  
WILL WALK  
YOUR PATH!



NOW THAT WE ARE UNITED, CHIEF, THE FIRST THING I WANT DONE IS THE REMOVAL OF THIS MASKED MAN AND HIS FRIEND!

IT SHALL BE DONE, MY BROTHER!

YOU WILL REGRET TAKING THE WORD OF A JACKAL AGAINST A FRIEND OF FLYING FOX!



FRIENDSHIP ENDS IN WAR, BLACK DIAMOND! YOU MUST DIE AT DAWN!

TAKE HIM AWAY!



BUMPER! THEY GOT YOU, TOO?

I DIDN'T HAVE A CHANCE DIAMOND!



I WONDER HOW LONG THEY'RE GOING TO LEAVE US TIED HERE!

NOT LONG, I'D SAY! DAWN IS BREAKING! ...HERE COME THE BRAVES!



'T'S DAWN, CHIEF! HOW WILL THEY BE DISPOSED OF?

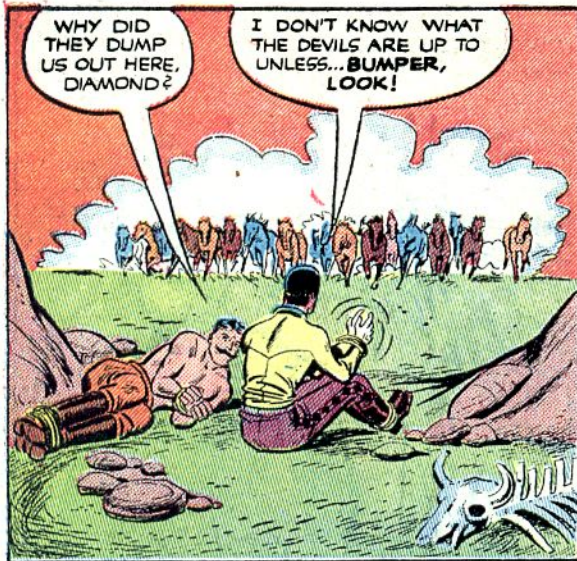
MY WARRIORS HAVE DEVISED AN INTERESTING WAY!



FIRST, THE CAPTIVES ARE TIED HAND AND FOOT AND LEFT AT THE MOUTH OF THAT NARROW RAVINE...



THEN THE STRAY HORSES ARE ROUNDED UP AND ...WHERE THEY WILL BE CRUSHED AND STAMPEDED TOWARD THE RAVINE... AND WILL BE VERY EFFECTIVE!



WHY DID THEY DUMP US OUT HERE, DIAMOND?

I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE DEVILS ARE UP TO UNLESS... BUMPER, LOOK!



THEY'RE GOING TO STAMPEDE THE HORSES OVER US!

WHY THE DIRTY FIENDS!



WE HAVEN'T GOT A CHANCE! THEY'RE GETTING CLOSER!

BUMPER! LOOK! THE HORSES ARE FIGHTING FOR THE LEAD— IT'S RELIAPON AND EL LOBO!



IF ONLY THEY CAN SURGE AHEAD, THERE'S A SLIM CHANCE WE COULD GRAB THE STIRRUPS AND BE DRAGGED FREE!

IF THEY DON'T KICK US IN THE ATTEMPT!

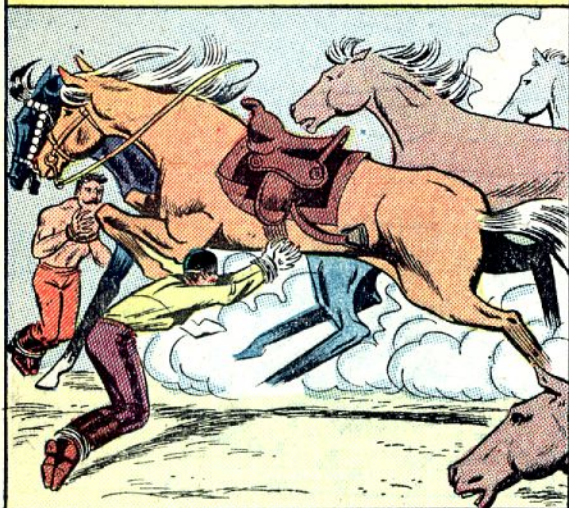


VALIANTLY RELIAPON AND EL LOBO PUSH AHEAD OF THE THUNDERING HERD!

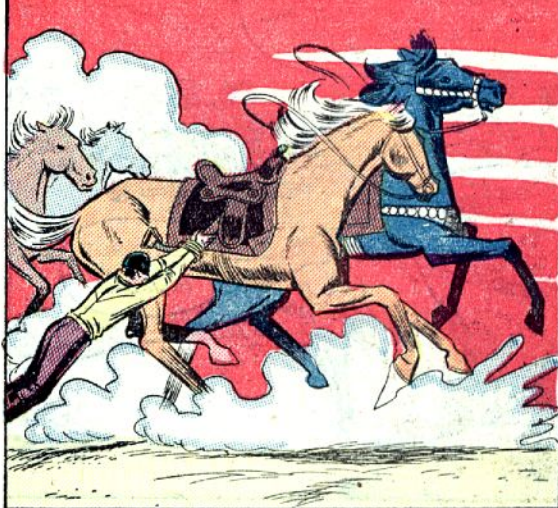


GET READY, BUMPER! GET READY!

AS THEIR HORSES RACE PAST THEM, DIAMOND AND BUMPER MAKE A DESPERATE GRAB...



...AND MAKE IT!



WHOA, RELIAPON! WHOA!



GOOD BOY! GOOD BOY!

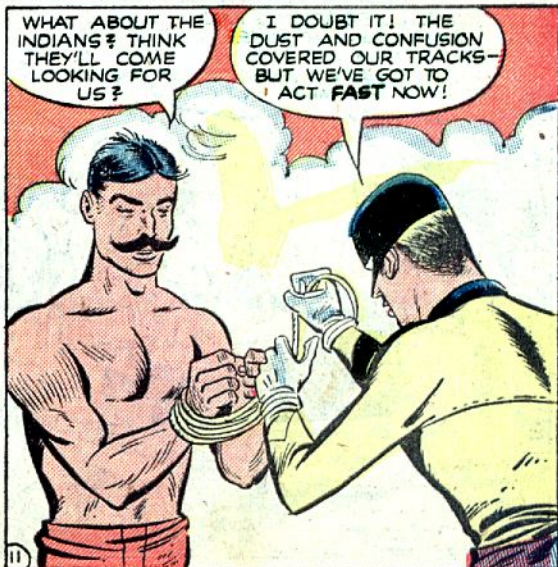


NOW FOR THE LEGS!



BUMPER, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

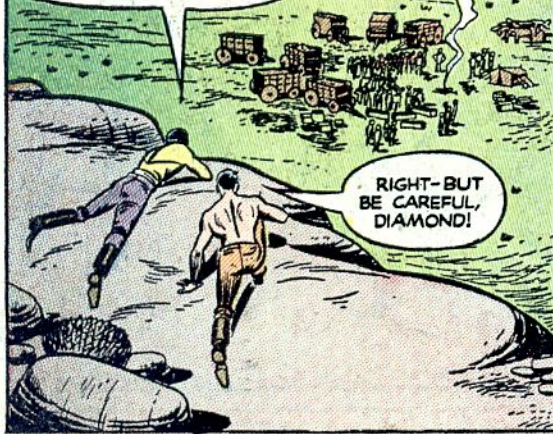
I.. I... THINK SO... JUST SCRAPED UP A BIT...



WHAT ABOUT THE INDIANS? THINK THEY'LL COME LOOKING FOR US?

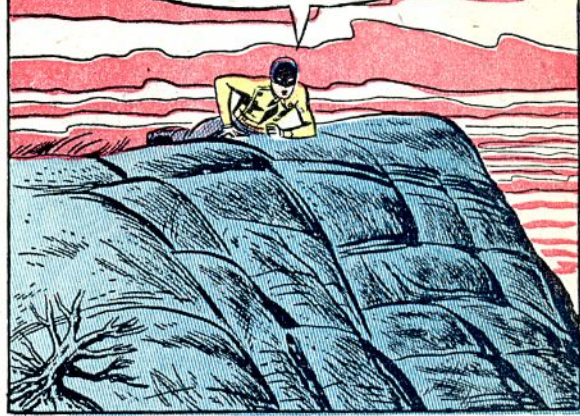
I DOUBT IT! THE DUST AND CONFUSION COVERED OUR TRACKS-- BUT WE'VE GOT TO ACT FAST NOW!

THEY'RE BUSY UNPACKING THE GUNS! I'LL STAY HERE AND KEEP TRACK OF THEM! YOU RIDE TO THE FORT AND BRING THE TROOPS BACK TO NIP THIS IN THE BUD!



RIGHT-BUT BE CAREFUL, DIAMOND!

BUMPER'S BEEN GONE A DAY NOW! THAT MEANS WITH LUCK, HE SHOULD BE BACK TOMORROW... HEY! WHAT'S THIS-FLYING FOX HAS SEIZED FANCY! I'LL HAVE TO CHANCE IT AND GET CLOSER TO HEAR!



WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS, FLYING FOX? RELEASE ME!

WHITE MAN DID NOT THINK FLYING FOX WAS SUCH A FOOL AS TO LET HIM RULE! NOW THAT WE HAVE GUNS, YOU WILL BE DONE AWAY WITH AS THE OTHERS!



TIE HIM TO THE POST FOR THE TARGET PRACTICE FOR TOMORROW! WE ATTACK THE FORT AND YOUR AIM MUST BE GOOD!

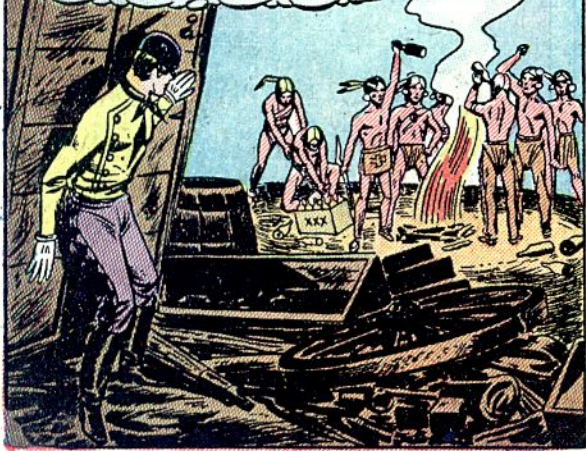


NO! NO!

HOLY SMOKE! WHAT A TURN OF EVENTS THIS IS! IF FLYING FOX ATTACKS THE FORT NOW, WHILE THE TROOPS ARE OUT LOOKING FOR HIM, IT WILL BE UNDER-MANNED AND WILL FALL EASILY!

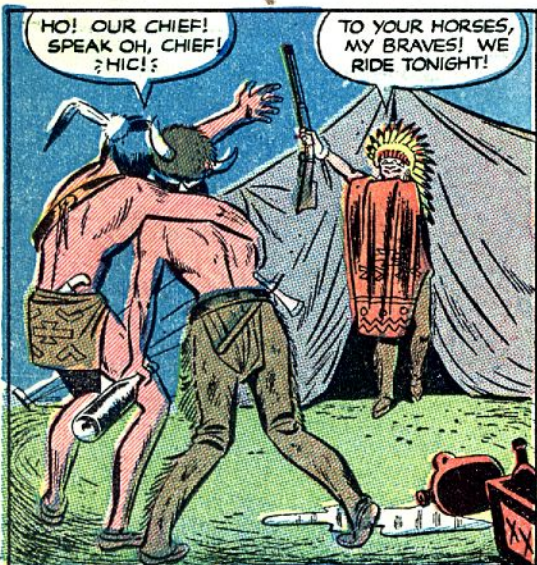
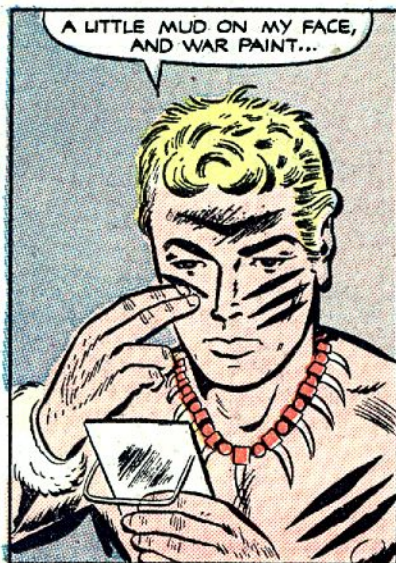
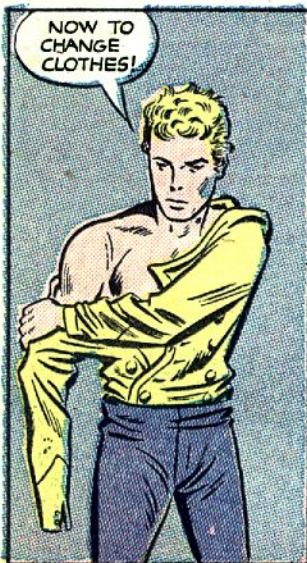
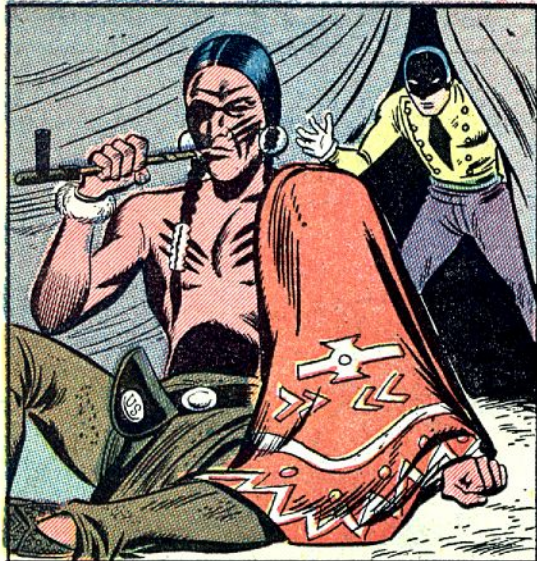


I'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING AND FAST! HMM... IT'S A MOONLESS NIGHT AND THE INDIANS ARE GETTING DRUNK ON FANCY'S LIQUOR! THERE'S ONE THING THAT MIGHT WORK!



FLYING FOX IS GOING INTO THE TENT... NOW'S MY CHANCE!



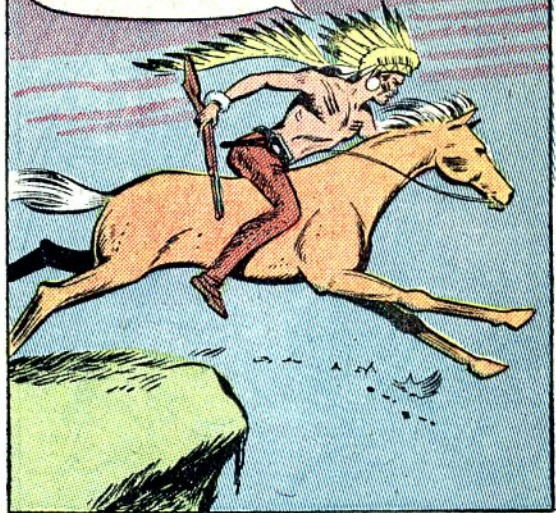




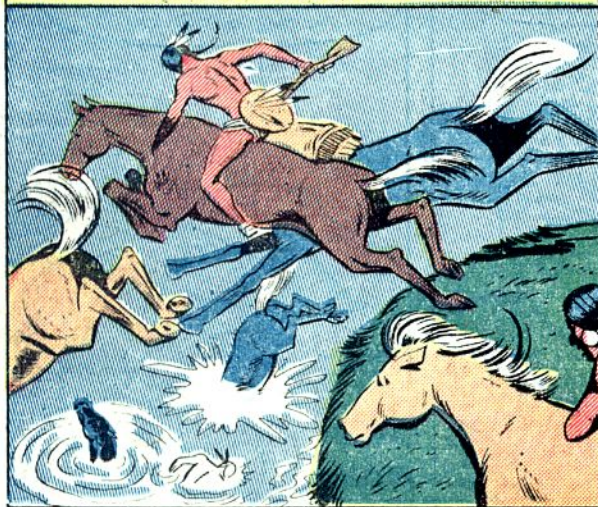
THE CANYON SHOULD BE JUST AHEAD! IF I CAN KEEP THEM AT THIS FAST GALLOP...



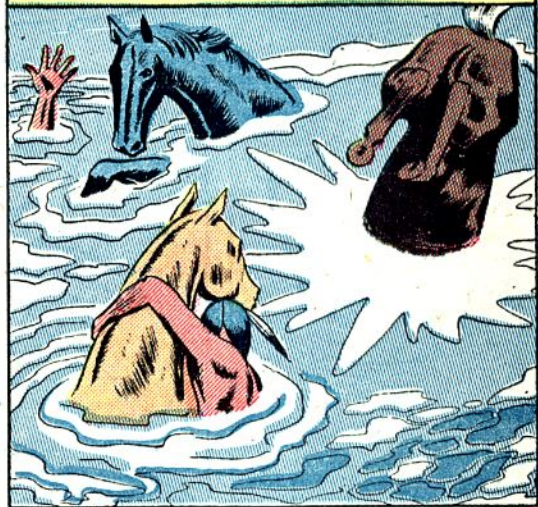
WERE ALMOST HERE—  
OVER RELIAPON, OVER!



BEFORE THE INDIANS REALIZE IT IN THE PITCH BLACK,  
THEY ARE LED OVER THE CLIFF INTO A SWIFT RIVER...



...WHERE GUNS AND SUPPLIES ARE LOST IN AN  
EFFORT TO KEEP AFLOAT!

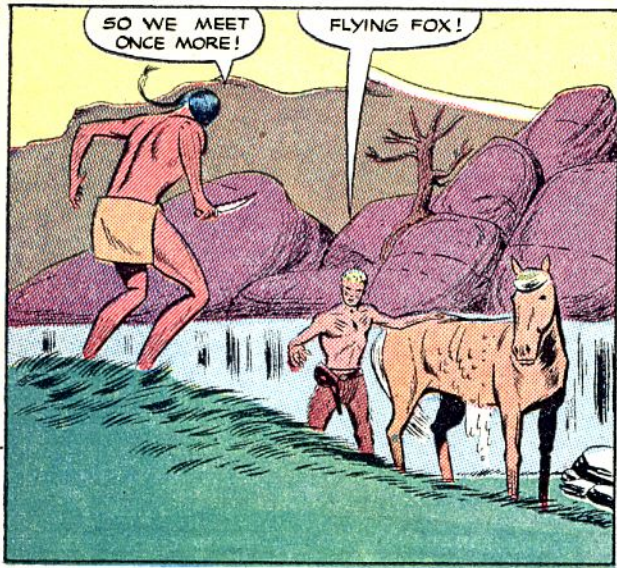


SWIM, RELIAPON,  
SWIM!



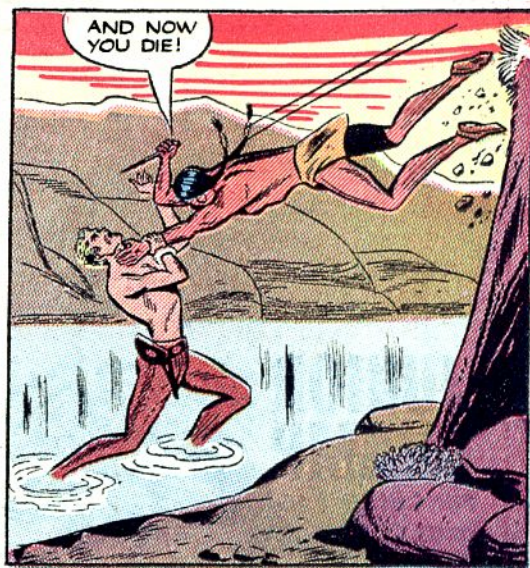
UP, BOY,  
UP!





SO WE MEET ONCE MORE!

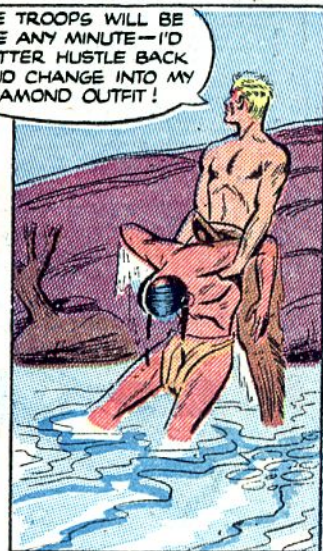
FLYING FOX!



AND NOW YOU DIE!

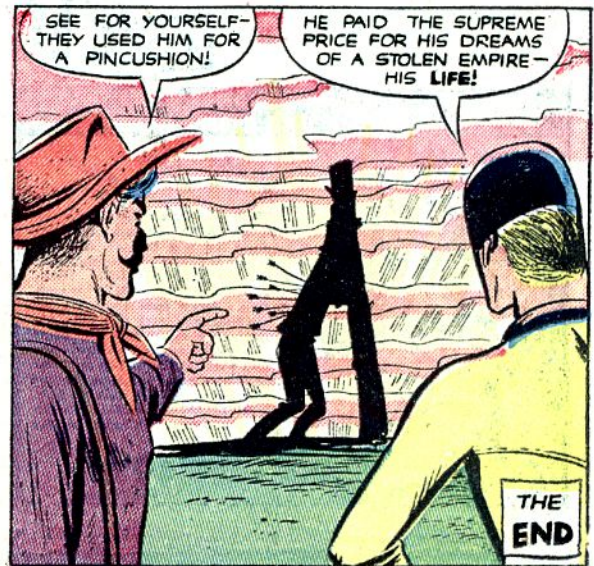


THE TROOPS WILL BE HERE ANY MINUTE—I'D BETTER HUSTLE BACK AND CHANGE INTO MY DIAMOND OUTFIT!



DIAMOND! THE TROOPS HAVE ROUNDED UP ALL THE RENEGADE INDIANS BUT FLYING FOX! IS HE DEAD?

NOPE! BUT HE'LL NEED A GOOD WRINGING OUT! WHAT ABOUT FANCY?



SEE FOR YOURSELF—THEY USED HIM FOR A PINCUSHION!

HE PAID THE SUPREME PRICE FOR HIS DREAMS OF A STOLEN EMPIRE—HIS LIFE!

THE END

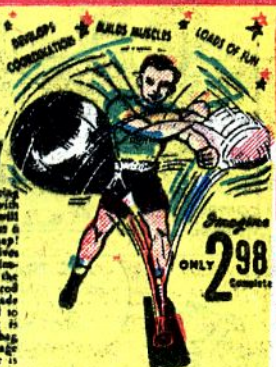
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# SURE AS SHOOTIN'

by  
**CLAUDE MOORE**

DRAWN ESPECIALLY FOR "BLACK DIAMOND"



TOP THIS  
IF YOU CAN!

ONE OF THE TALL STORIES,  
TYPICAL OF THE OLD WEST,  
IS ABOUT THE TERRIBLE  
WIND STORM — THE WIND  
BLEW SO HARD, THAT ONE  
DAY WHEN HANK MORRIS  
FIRED HIS GUN — THE  
BULLET WAS TURNED AROUND  
AND IT CAME RIGHT BACK  
AND WOUNDED HANK!

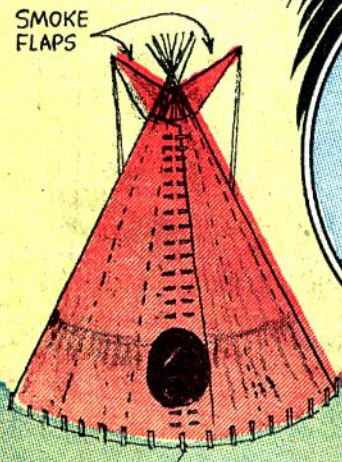


MARTHA ANDERSON — A GOOD COOK —  
WENT TO San Francisco IN 1850, TO GET A JOB!  
SO GREAT WAS THE DEMAND FOR A GOOD COOK  
THAT SHE AUCTIONED HER SERVICES TO THE  
HIGHEST BIDDER — \$500 A MONTH — AND THE  
UNDERSTANDING THAT SHE DID NOT HAVE TO WASH  
A DISH OR DO ANY OTHER WORK!

A JAIL IN CALIFORNIA — 1875 —  
HELD 59 PRISONERS AT THE  
SAME TIME, ALL WAITING TO BE  
HANGED!

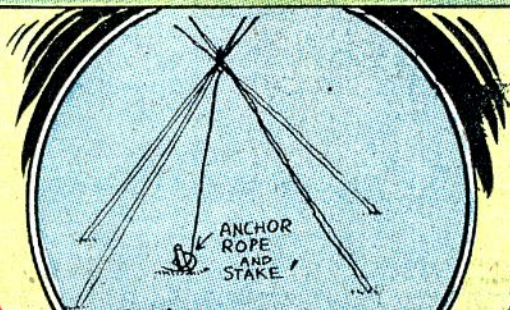


SMOKE  
FLAPS



SIXTEEN WOODEN PINS WERE  
USED TO FASTEN UP THE FRONT  
OF THE TIPI AND FORTY STAKES  
USED TO SECURE THE BOTTOM!

THE SMOKE FLAPS WERE  
HELD IN POSITION BY LONG  
POLES, POKED THROUGH THE  
ENDS OF THE FLAPS! THEY  
WERE MOVED ABOUT TO CONTROL  
THE DROPT FOR THE FIRE INSIDE  
OR CLOSED DURING BAD WEATHER!



THE 4 MAIN POLES WERE  
TIED TOGETHER ABOUT A FOOT  
FROM THE TOP AND THE ROPE  
BROUGHT DOWN TO A STAKE  
JUST OFF CENTER IN THE TIPI!  
BY APPLYING TENSION ON THIS  
ROPE, THE TIPI COULD WEATHER  
THE SEVEREST WIND STORMS!

THE REMAINING POLES  
WERE NEXT SET IN PLACE!  
THEY WERE LEANED INTO  
PLACE AND HELD IN POSITION  
BY THE OUTER COVERING!

DESIGNS, GOOD LUCK  
CHARMS AND PICTURE  
STORIES WERE PAINTED  
ON THE WALLS OF THE  
TIPIS!



FROM 16 TO 24 POLES WERE USED  
IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE TIPI!  
GREAT CARE WAS EXERCISED IN  
PICKING THE STRAIGHT, SLENDER  
CEDAR, PINE OR SPRUCE SAPPLINGS!

THE BARK AND TWIGS WERE  
REMOVED FIRST, THEN THE POLES  
WERE SHAVED DOWN TO THE FIRST  
GROWTH RING AND SET UP IN  
FORM TO PROPERLY SEASON BEFORE  
THE COVERING WAS PINNED AROUND  
IT!

C.H. MOORE

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I WONDER HOW MARY LEARNED TO PLAY THE GUITAR SO WELL. A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO SHE COULDN'T PLAY A NOTE. I THINK I'LL ASK HER.

WHY THERE'S NOTHING TO IT. I JUST SENT FOR BOB WEST'S STREAMLINED GUITAR COURSE AND LEARNED RIGHT AWAY.

A FEW DAYS LATER

LOOK, PEGGY, ALL I HAVE TO DO IS HOLD MY FINGERS LIKE IT SHOWS HERE IN THE PICTURES... AND I'M PLAYING!

JUST THINK, PEGGY, A FEW WEEKS AGO I WAS A "WALLFLOWER". NOW LOOK AT HOW POPULAR I AM SINCE I LEARNED TO PLAY THE GUITAR.

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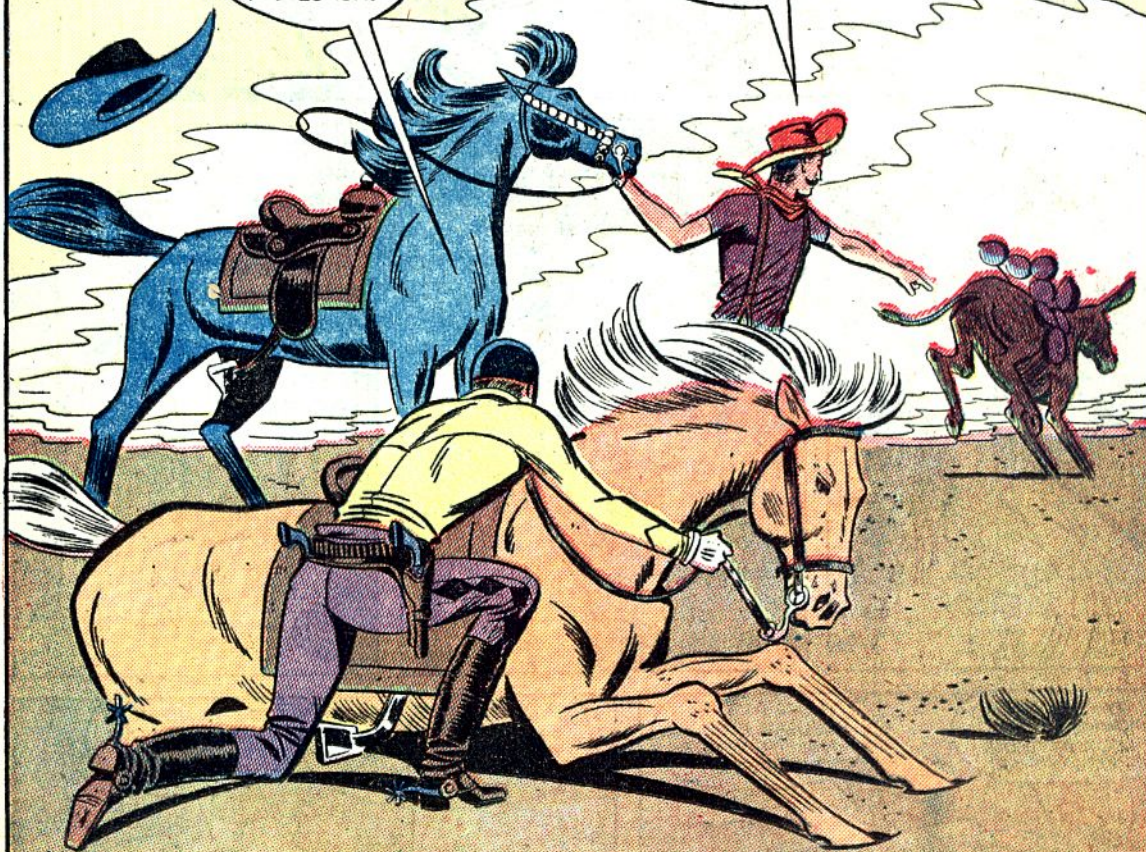
Bob West's own \$19.95 value Autograph Guitar now only \$14.95. Send \$1 deposit, pay balance on delivery. Write Bob West, Studio 6C, 1665 Milwaukee Ave., Chicago 47, Ill.

# BLACK DIAMOND

MEETS THE GHOST OF SKELETON MESA

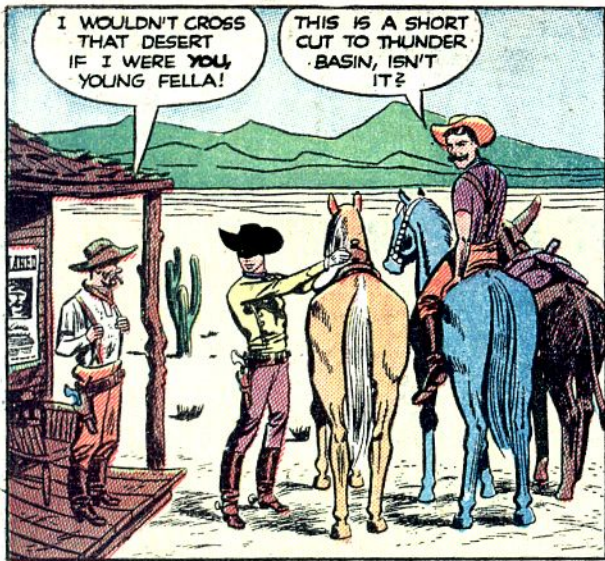
BUMPER!  
IT'S A SAND-  
STORM! QUICK-  
GET YOUR HORSE  
DOWN AND LAY  
BESIDE HIM FOR  
PROTECTION!

DIAMOND!  
THE MULE WITH  
ALL OUR WATER-  
HE'S BOLTED AWAY!  
WE'LL DIE OF  
THIRST!



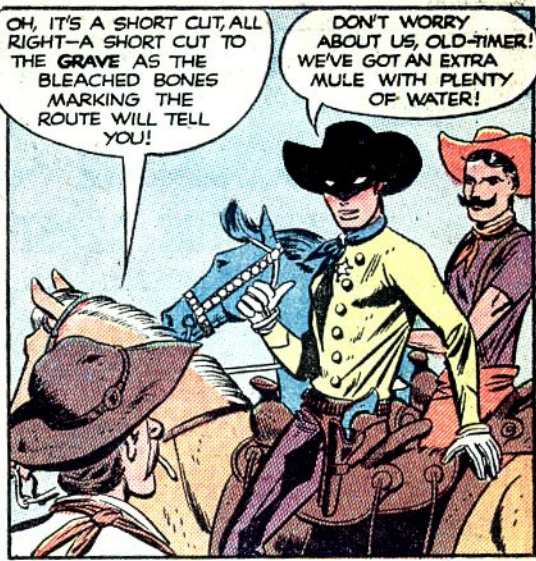
OUT INTO THE BURNING DESERT OF DEATH VALLEY GO THE BLACK DIAMOND AND BUMPER TO BE TRAPPED IN A SEARING SANDSTORM AND DETOURED INTO CRUMBLING SKELETON MESA, A GHOST TOWN THAT BOASTS OF A REAL LIVE GHOST WHO DOES HIS BEST TO ADD THEM TO HIS COMPANY! RIDE WITH THESE TWO FEARLESS HEROES AND MEET THE GHOST OF SKELETON MESA!

By William OVERGARD



I WOULDN'T CROSS THAT DESERT IF I WERE YOU, YOUNG FELLA!

THIS IS A SHORT CUT TO THUNDER BASIN, ISN'T IT?



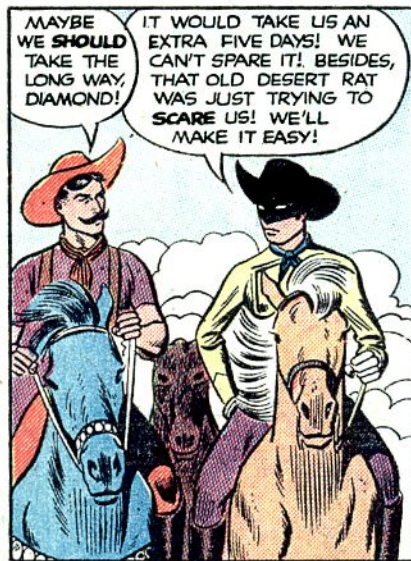
OH, IT'S A SHORT CUT, ALL RIGHT—A SHORT CUT TO THE GRAVE AS THE BLEACHED BONES MARKING THE ROUTE WILL TELL YOU!

DON'T WORRY ABOUT US, OLD-TIMER! WE'VE GOT AN EXTRA MULE WITH PLENTY OF WATER!



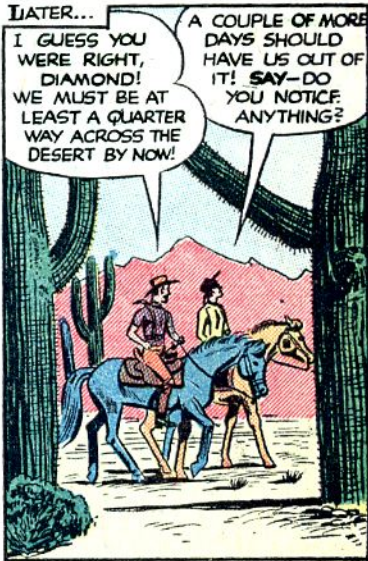
I'M AWARNING YOU—DON'T TRY AN' CROSS THAT DESERT! YOU'LL NEVER MAKE IT THIS TIME OF YEAR!

SORRY, BUT WE'RE IN A HURRY—ADIOS!



MAYBE WE SHOULD TAKE THE LONG WAY, DIAMOND!

IT WOULD TAKE US AN EXTRA FIVE DAYS! WE CAN'T SPARE IT! BESIDES, THAT OLD DESERT RAT WAS JUST TRYING TO SCARE US! WE'LL MAKE IT EASY!



WATER...

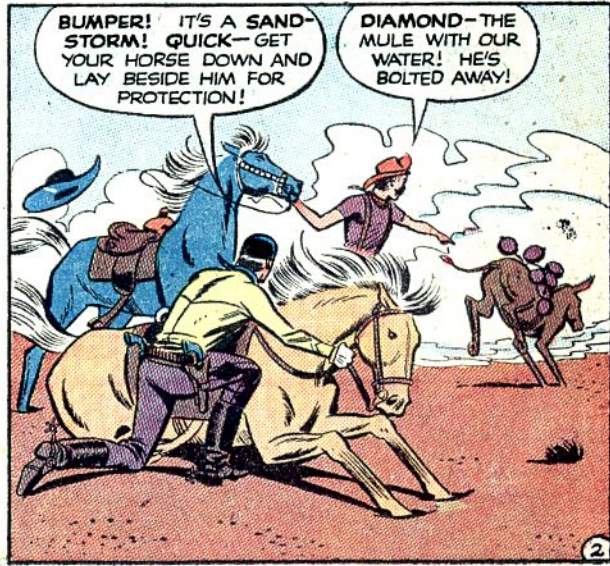
I GUESS YOU WERE RIGHT, DIAMOND! WE MUST BE AT LEAST A QUARTER WAY ACROSS THE DESERT BY NOW!

A COUPLE OF MORE DAYS SHOULD HAVE US OUT OF IT! SAY—DO YOU NOTICE ANYTHING?



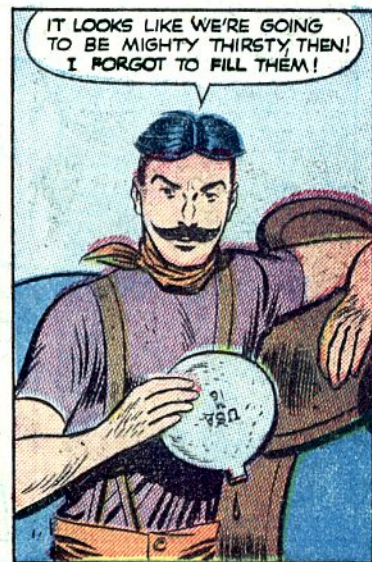
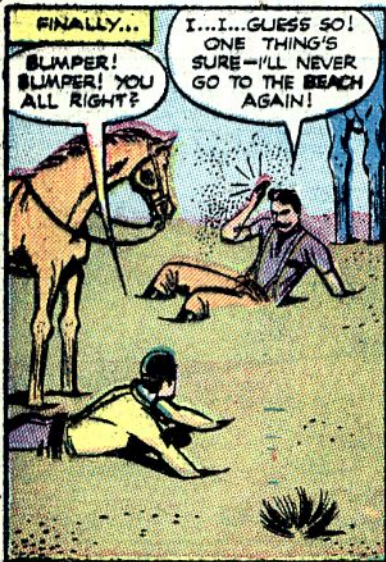
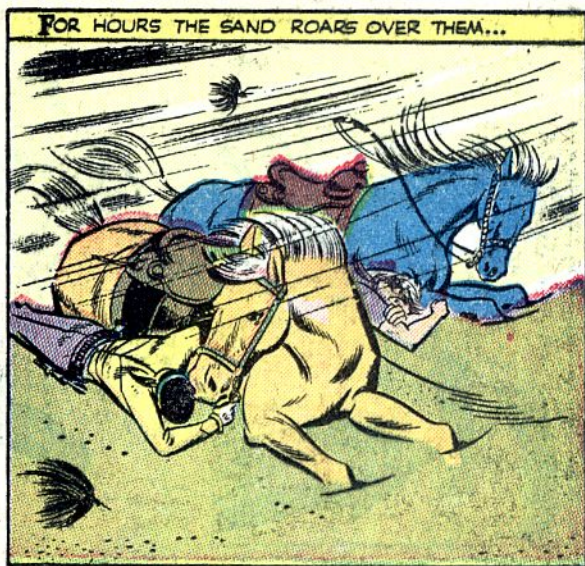
WHY—THE WIND'S PICKING UP—AND LOOK AT THOSE CLOUDS GATHER!

THOSE AREN'T REGULAR CLOUDS—AND THE WIND'S INCREASING!

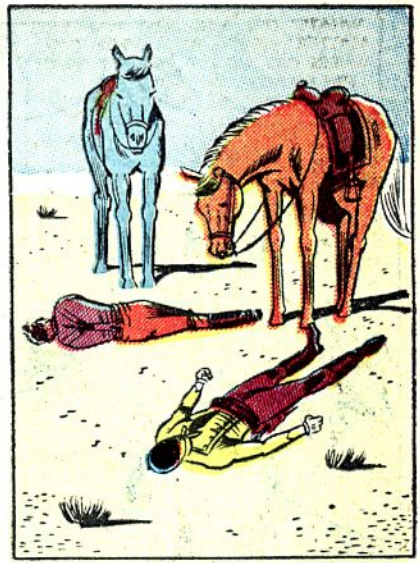
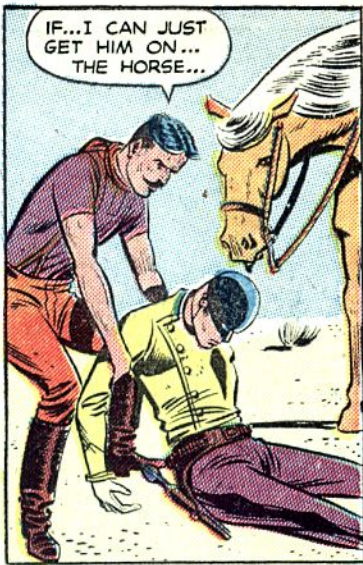


BUMPER! IT'S A SAND-STORM! QUICK—GET YOUR HORSE DOWN AND LAY BESIDE HIM FOR PROTECTION!

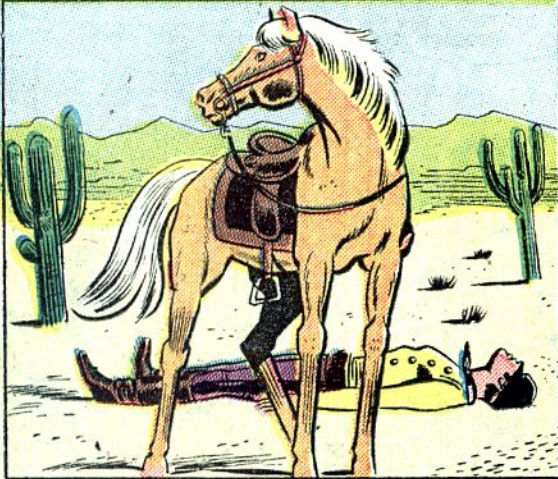
DIAMOND—THE MULE WITH OUR WATER! HE'S BOLTED AWAY!



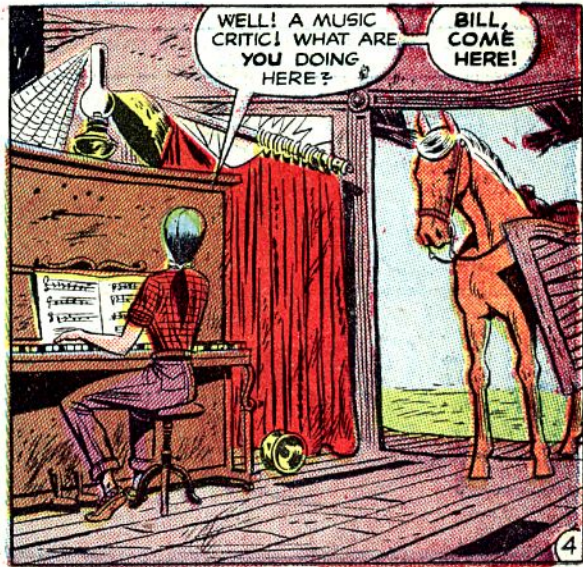
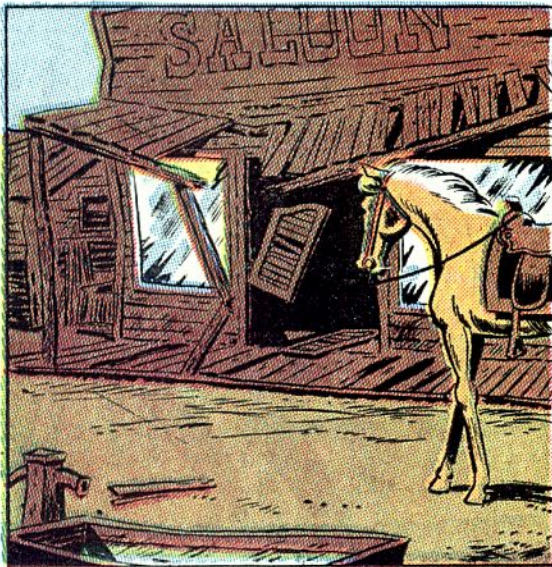
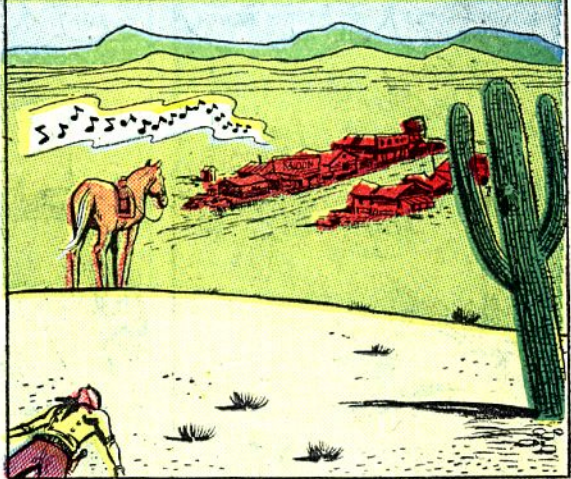




FOR A LONG WHILE RELIAPON STANDS GUARD OVER HIS MASTER— THEN HIS EARS PRICK UP, FOR HE HEARS — MUSIC!...



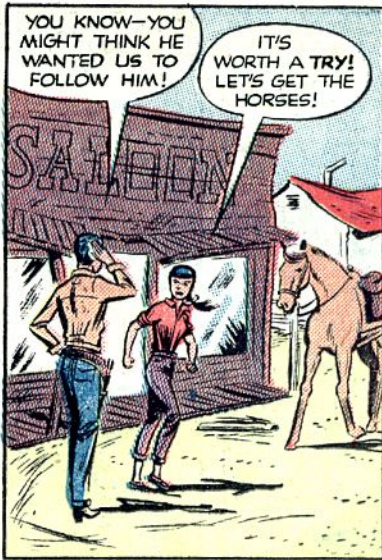
WITH AN EFFORT, HE TROTS TO THE TOP OF THE RISE, AND BELOW SPREADS A CRUMBLING GHOST TOWN...





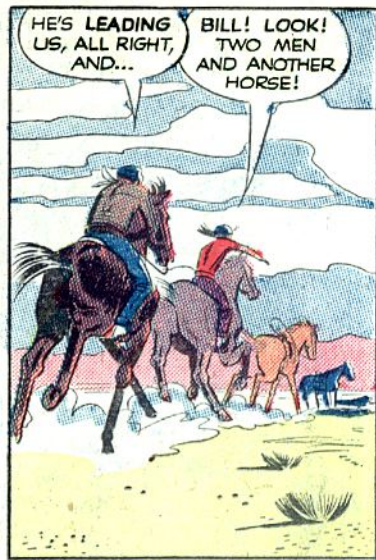
WHAT'S THE MATTER? HEY! WHERE DID THE PALAMINO COME FROM?

HE JUST WANDERED IN! EVERY TIME I TRY TO GRAB HIM, HE BACKS UP!



YOU KNOW—YOU MIGHT THINK HE WANTED US TO FOLLOW HIM!

IT'S WORTH A TRY! LET'S GET THE HORSES!



HE'S LEADING US, ALL RIGHT, AND...

BILL! LOOK! TWO MEN AND ANOTHER HORSE!

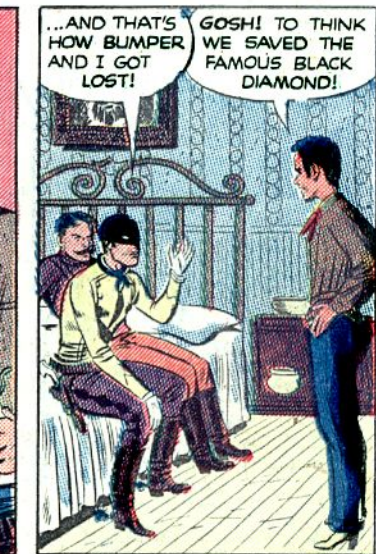


DRINK IT SLOW NOW...



HEY, WHERE AM I... WHAT?

START EXPLAINING, MR. MASKED MAN— AND FAST!



...AND THAT'S HOW BUMPER AND I GOT LOST!

GOSHI! TO THINK WE SAVED THE FAMOUS BLACK DIAMOND!



YOU'LL HAVE TO EXCUSE MY HUSBAND FOR BEING SUSPICIOUS, MR. DIAMOND, BUT EVER SINCE WE STARTED REWORKING THIS OLD MINE, WE'VE BEEN JUMPY!

JUMPY?



YES, WE CAN'T GET OVER THE FEELING WE'RE BEING WATCHED! MY WIFE THINKS IT'S GHOSTS! OF COURSE THAT'S ABSURD!

CALL IT WHAT YOU WANT—BUT THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF STRANGE THINGS GOING ON!



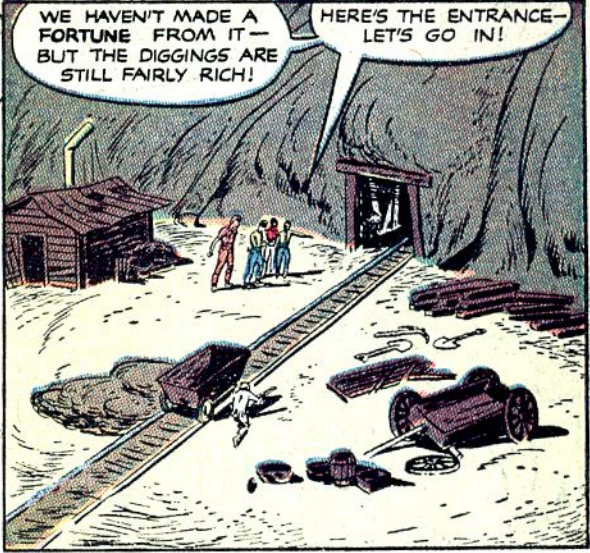
GHOSTS, EH? I'D LIKE TO HAVE A LOOK AT THIS HAUNTED MINE!

SURE THING! IN THE MORNING WHEN YOU'RE RESTED, I'LL TAKE YOU OUT THERE, BUT I'M AFRAID WE WON'T FIND ANY GHOSTS!



HOW DID YOU HAPPEN TO FIND THIS SPOT TO RE-MINE?

MY DAD LEFT THE MAP IN HIS WILL! HE FOUND THE MINE WHEN THIS TOWN WAS IN ITS BOOM DAYS—ABOUT TWENTY YEARS AGO!

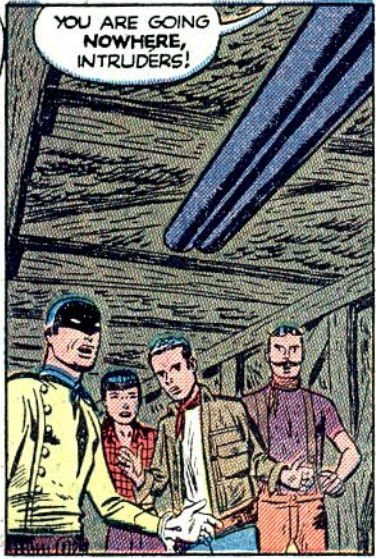


WE HAVEN'T MADE A FORTUNE FROM IT— BUT THE DIGGINGS ARE STILL FAIRLY RICH!

HERE'S THE ENTRANCE— LET'S GO IN!



AT ONE TIME, THIS TOWN WAS THE RICHEST IN THE SOUTHWEST, BUT THEN THE BONANZA DIED OUT AND THE TOWN CRUMPLED! SAY, LOOK WHAT TIME IT IS—WE BETTER BE GETTING BACK!



YOU ARE GOING NOWHERE, INTRUDERS!



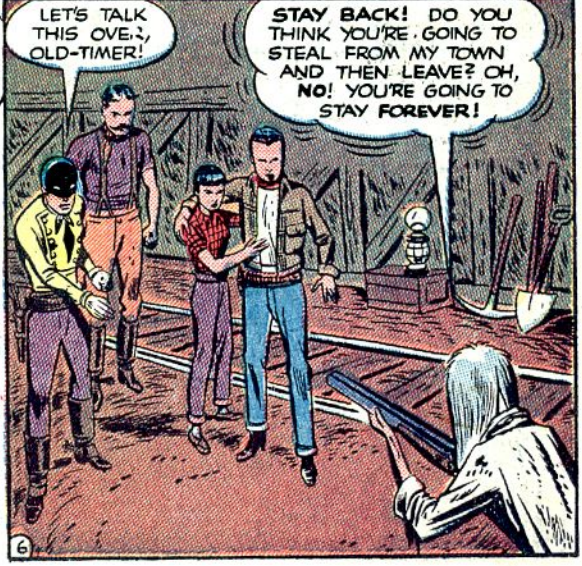
WHAT TH...WHO ARE YOU?

WHO AM I? I AM THE KING OF SKELETON MESA— RICHEST MAN IN THE WEST! AND YOU WHO ARE STEALING MY GOLD WILL DIE!



HE'S MAD— STARK RAVING MAD!

MAD? YES! I WAS THE FOUNDER OF THIS TOWN! IT WAS MY LIFE'S WORK! THEN WHEN THE VEIN SEEMED TO FADE, THEY LEFT MY TOWN TO DIE AND ROT! THEY TOOK FROM IT— THEN LEFT IT TO ROT! TO ROT— DO YOU HEAR?



LET'S TALK THIS OVER, OLD-TIMER!

STAY BACK! DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING TO STEAL FROM MY TOWN AND THEN LEAVE? OH, NO! YOU'RE GOING TO STAY FOREVER!



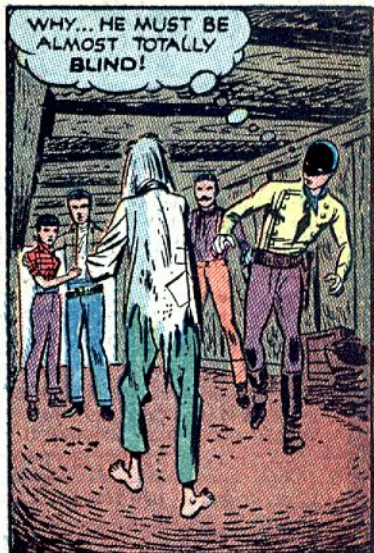
I'VE ALREADY PLANTED DYNAMITE AT THE MOUTH OF THE MINE TO BLAST IT SHUT! THEN WE ALL WILL STAY HERE FOR ETERNITY!

GOOD LORD!



THAT'S FUNNY—I MOVED TO THE SIDE AND HE DIDN'T SEE ME...I WONDER...

WHAT'S THAT NOISE? NOBODY MOVE!



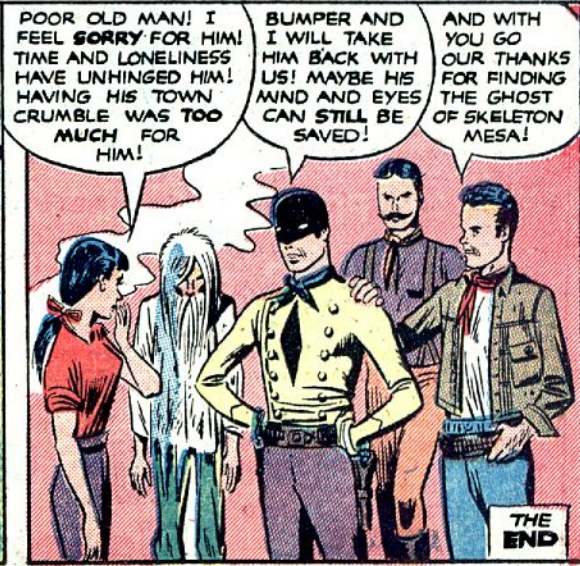
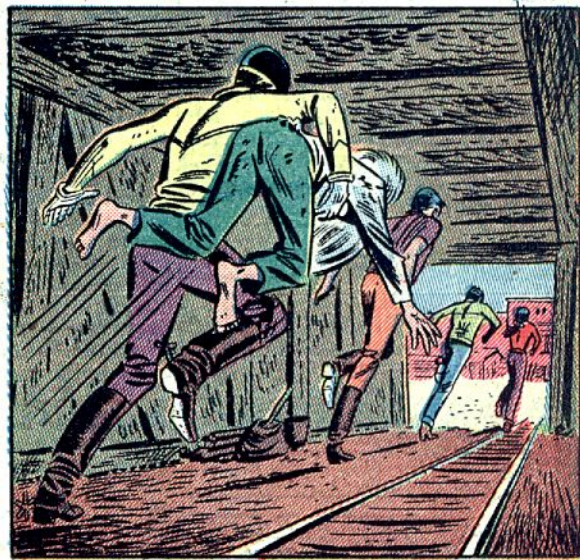
WHY... HE MUST BE ALMOST TOTALLY BLIND!

CAREFULLY DIAMOND EDGES AROUND THE OLD MAN...



RUN, GANG! RUN!!

WHA... WHAT?



POOR OLD MAN! I FEEL SORRY FOR HIM! TIME AND LONELINESS HAVE UNHINGED HIM! HAVING HIS TOWN CRUMBLE WAS TOO MUCH FOR HIM!

BUMPER AND I WILL TAKE HIM BACK WITH US! MAYBE HIS MIND AND EYES CAN STILL BE SAVED!

AND WITH YOU GO OUR THANKS FOR FINDING THE GHOST OF SKELETON MESA!

THE END

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# STAMP PAGE by SIDNEY M. ELIAS

## The Teddy Bear Stamp

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# REVENGE AT THE RODEO

TONY ANDRUS rode down the dusty road home talking to his mare, Milly, as they trotted along.

"Well, Milly old girl, the rodeo is three months away. We've got a lot of practicing to do. This county rodeo with cash prizes is a new idea, and I guess they'll get lots of entries. Also, maybe I'll stand a chance because the entries will all be amateurs."

"Hey! Squirt!" Tony heard a rough voice call. He reined in Milly and stopped as a big burly boy rode up alongside him. It was Tom Gander from the next ranch. Tom was older and bigger than Tony and had bullied Tony as long as Tony could remember. Tony wasn't exactly afraid of him but he didn't like him, or perhaps he didn't trust him. After Tony heard he'd used brass knuckles in a fight in town last week he began to have more doubts about Tom.

"Howdy, Tom," Tony answered as pleasantly as he could, after having been called a Squirt. The term he resented because, well, he was a squirt.

"I suppose you're getting big ideas about the rodeo," said Tom. "Since you've been in town I'm sure you must have seen the posters."

"I was thinking about it, yes," answered Tony.

"Well, kid, you don't stand a chance, so don't worry your red noggin about it. I'm entering, since I have the record in the county for calf roping. Might as well give the kids a run for their money. Well, see you around," Tom said as he gave Milly a prod in the ribs with his toe. He had expected Milly to lunge, but she only winced, snorted and almost spouted fire from her nostrils.

"You big bully!" Tony called, but by the time the words were out of his mouth Tom had galloped off down the road.

"If it's the last thing I do," said Tony to Milly, "I want to show him a thing or two at the rodeo."

As Tony rode into the corral, Scotty, the hired man and jack-of-all-trades, greeted him. "Hi, Tony," he called, "what's cooking in the big town?"

"Plenty's cooking. Wait till I tell you!" answered Tony.

Tony told Scotty about the rodeo, the prizes and the events; the usual calf roping, lasso contests, bucking broncs, etc. "And," he concluded, "it's an amateur show and the entrants are just from this county."

"That's just your meat, kid," said Scotty. "I used to rope a steer with one hand tied behind my back and with a little practice you can do the same."

"Gee, Scotty, do you really think I stand a chance?" asked Tony.

"Well," kidded Scotty, "pretty poor material to work with but I might be able to whip you into shape."

"Okay, Scot," laughed Tony. "When do we start?"

For the next three months Tony's days were well filled. The usual chores around the ranch were enough to keep him busy from sun-up to sunset but for two hours every day, under the tutelage of Scotty, Tony roped and rode. Scotty was an excellent teacher as in his early days he had been a star of the rodeos. It was only when he realized his rodeo days were over that he came to work for Tony's father.

Scotty had thought at first that Tony was too small and too young to enter the rodeo this year, yet when he started working with him he realized that he was wiry and alert. And when the boy went into his training with such vigor Scotty thought it seemed a matter of life or death to him. One day at dinner, Scotty said to Tony, "You're working with a vengeance, kid, but don't set your hopes too high. There will be other rodeos and if you don't win this, maybe the next . . . You'd think this was a crusade or something."

"Well, Scot, maybe it is," Tony answered. "I have two very important reasons for wanting to win this contest. One, of course, is the money. I'll never get to the Agricultural School if I don't have cash. I know I want to ranch, and I know I'll do a better job if I can learn some modern theories about animal husbandry and agriculture. But almost more than that, I want to win over Tom Gander. He's bullied me just about long enough."

"That in itself is reason enough," agreed Scotty. "Let's get to the lasso!"

Tony wasn't worried about the bucking broncs. He'd broken in so many horses that they couldn't possibly find one any tougher than some he'd trained. Even Milly was one of the wildest ones he'd ever seen but he'd trained her until she became his best friend and practically a member of the family.

The day of the rodeo dawned, Scotty and Tony were up early to get in some final practice and to get all the chores done before they took off for town.

"Milly, wish me luck," Tony whispered in his horse's ear as he dismounted at the arena.

Tony and Scotty checked in with the judges and Scotty got permission (as an old rodeo-ite) to stay behind the scenes and help Tony out. As they waited for the first event Tom Gander wandered over and greeted Tony with, "Well, Squirt, so you decided to enter after all. I suppose you think your 'has-been' friend here can help you out?"

Tony couldn't take the insult to Scotty and retorted, "Okay, Gander, pick on me all you want but just leave Scotty alone."

Tom sneered and sauntered off.

The first event was lassoing. Tom Gander was the first entry. Tony and Scotty watched him from the side lines.

"He's a big bluff in many ways," Tony sighed. "But he really can handle that rope."

They watched him deftly swing and aim and throw. Each time making his target in perfect time.

When Tony went in the ring, Scotty anxiously watched him for a moment. Then when he realized the ease with which he was handling the rope he left the side of the ring to go see the broncs they were using for the next event. As he approached the corral he saw Tom Gander in eager conversation with the keeper of the broncs. Just as he was turning to avoid any further words with Tom, he overheard Tom say, "Fix 'er up, it'll be worth your while."

Scotty heard cheers and applause and turned to see Tony ride exultantly out of the ring.

"Well, Scotty, guess we got through that event in good order. Hope the others go as well," Tony breathlessly said.

Next event was the broncs. Tony drew a wild one named Greased Lightning. She bucked and twisted and turned all the way into the ring. She didn't stop a second, but Tony stuck. In fact, he stuck longer than anyone had ever stuck on Greased Lightning and the crowd was going wild. However, with a final desperate lurch Greased Lightning threw Tony. Tony landed unharmed and the crowd gave him an encouraging cheer.

Tom Gander was next in the ring. He had drawn Whirlwind, whose reputation was as bad as that of Greased Lightning. Whirlwind didn't seem up to par. She bucked and she twisted but she seemed quickly to become lackadaisical. Tom had no trouble sticking on her back. Whirlwind seemed to give up after a few seconds and contentedly loped out of the ring with Tom on her back.

"Whirlwind didn't even fight!" whispered Tony to Scotty. "That was a lucky break for Tom. Guess that means he won that event hands down."

"Well, you won hands above the others. You stuck on Greased Lightning thirty seconds longer than anyone else. Dust yourself off Tony and get ready for the calf roping," encouraged Scotty.

Tony went to get Milly. Milly greeted him with an affectionate snort. Calf roping was her favorite sport and Tony had trained her well. She knew the second he was to dismount and always held the calf secure as Tony jumped off and ran to tie it up.

Scotty wandered over to see the calves. Again he saw Tom Gander in eager conversation with the same man. Scotty decided not to leave so soon this time but hung around in an obscure spot.

The event started. Several entries came before Tony. Each boy roped deftly and securely. Scotty listened to the time as it was announced. Seventy seconds for Joe Brill, sixty-five seconds for Red Neff. Tony's turn came and he rode in the ring on Milly's back. The calf was released and whirled dumbly around the ring. Tony twirled

his rope, aimed and caught the calf square. Milly pulled the rope taut as Tony dismounted, ran to the calf and tied up her three legs in a swift second.

"That's the record so far," thought Scotty, as he heard the announcer say, "Tony Andrus, fifty-five seconds."

Tom was the next entry. Before he rode into the ring, Scotty noticed the man he'd been talking to grab one of the calves. Then with a swift motion of his right arm he did something to her. His body was between Scotty and the calf so Scotty wasn't sure what he'd done, though he was suspicious. When Tom entered the ring the calf that was released was the same the man had just grabbed. The calf ran in but suddenly seemed to slow down, to flounder around and to wander as if in slow motion. Tom had no trouble lassoing the calf or tying her as she gave no fight at all. When the time was announced his time was fifty seconds, five seconds faster than Tony.

"Well," sighed Tony, "I guess it was too big an order to think I could walk away with the show over Tom Gander."

"You really out-did him every time," encouraged Scotty. "He just had some very freakish breaks. Wait around here till the announcement. I have an idea."

Tony waited dejectedly for the announcement of the winners. Finally it came and it was as he supposed. First prize, highest number of points, Tom Gander. Second prize, Tony Andrus.

Tony wandered over to console Milly. Just as he reached her side he heard another announcement. "Guess this is announcing the winners of the stock show," he mused. Suddenly he heard his name. He paused. "...disqualified, making Tony Andrus the winner with the highest number of points."

"What!" said Tony aghast, as he turned around to see Scotty racing toward him with a grin from ear to ear.

"That's right, Tony!" yelled Scotty. "You're the man of the hour."

"But what happened?" questioned Tony.

"Well," said Scotty, "I thought something was fishy when I overheard a part of a conversation between Tom and the keeper of the broncs. So I just hung around before a couple of the events to see if my hunches were right. I never actually saw anything happen but from the little I saw I was mighty suspicious. I just rounded up the guy who did the dirty work and scared him into telling me the truth. Sure enough, Gander had paid him to inject some dope into the bronc and the calf just before they went into the ring. That made the animals dopey and made the riding and roping mighty easy for Tom."

The crowd was screaming for Tony. He rode Milly into the ring, bursting with pride.

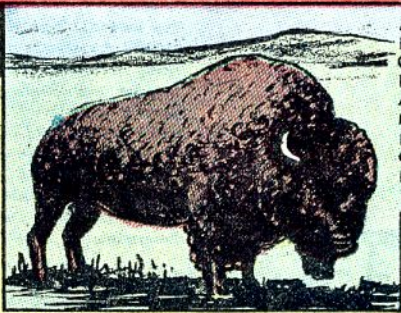
As Tony and Scotty rode the long and dusty road home, Tony asked, "What happened to Tom and his friend?"

"Well," drawled Scotty, "I passed the information on to the judges, then the sheriff took right off after them. I'm sure he'll take good care of them!"

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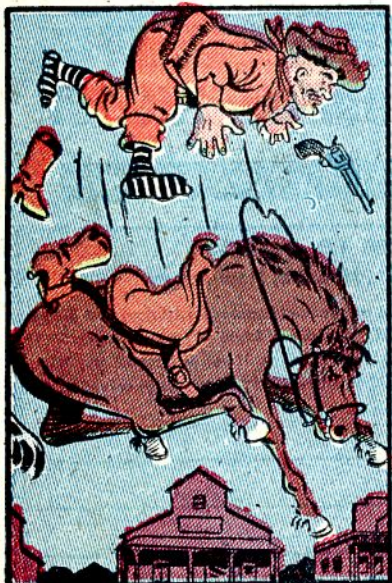
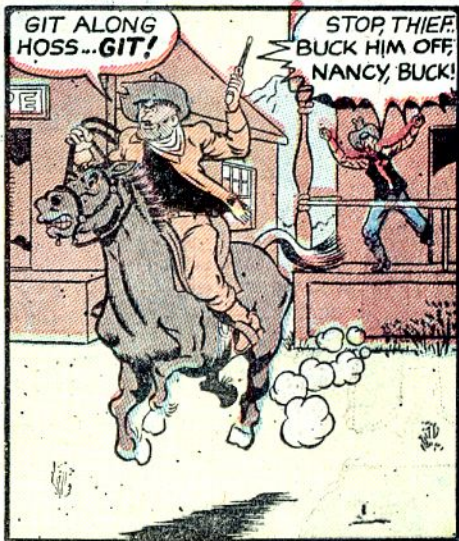
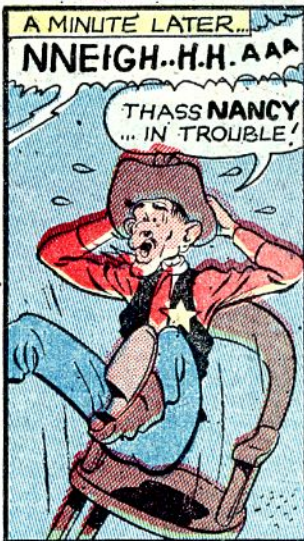
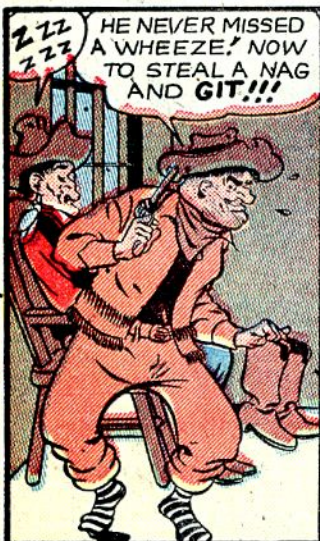
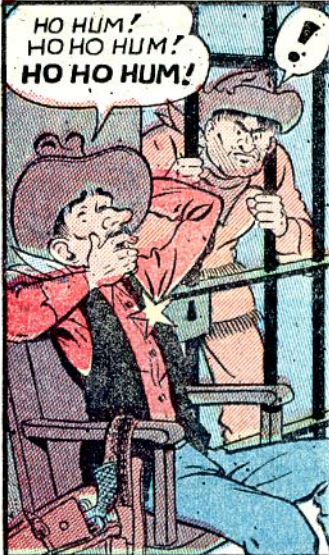
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DO US BEAGLES  
HARM!

LET'S  
KILL 'EM,  
PA! LET'S  
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DIAMOND!  
IT'S THOSE CRAZY  
BEAGLES! AND  
THEY'VE GOT  
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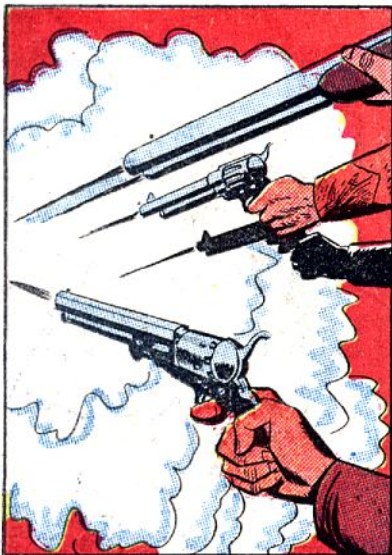
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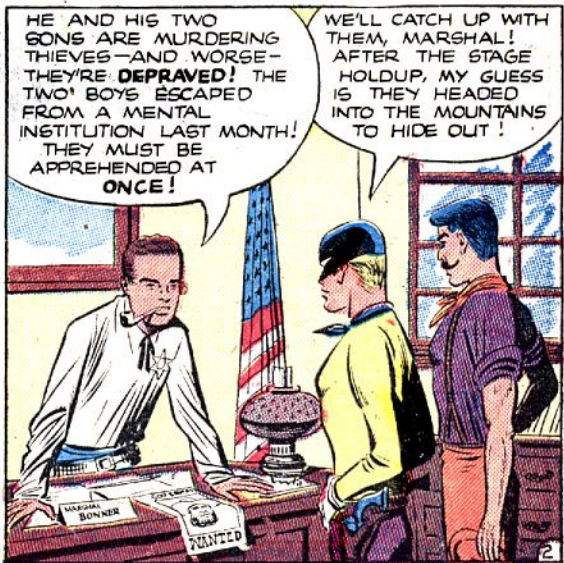
WELL, I'LL BE SEEING YOU  
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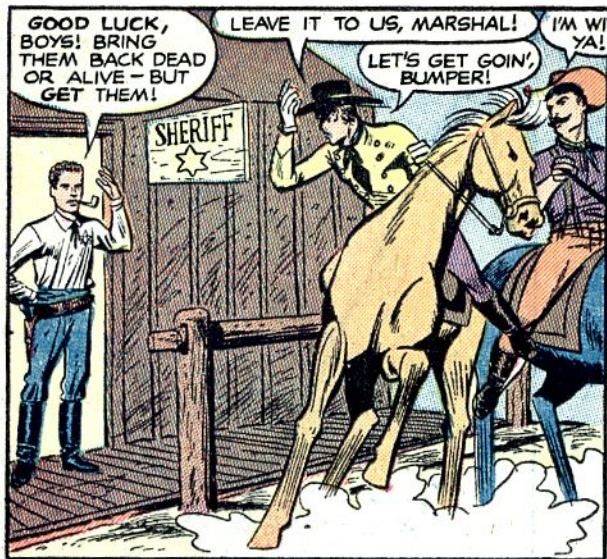
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THAT'S A HARD  
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HE AND HIS TWO  
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THEY'RE **DEPRAVED!** THE  
TWO' BOYS ESCAPED  
FROM A MENTAL  
INSTITUTION LAST MONTH!  
THEY MUST BE  
APPREHENDED AT  
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WE'LL CATCH UP WITH  
THEM, MARSHAL!  
AFTER THE STAGE  
HOLDUP, MY GUESS  
IS THEY HEADED  
INTO THE MOUNTAINS  
TO HIDE OUT!



GOOD LUCK, BOYS! BRING THEM BACK DEAD OR ALIVE - BUT GET THEM!

LEAVE IT TO US, MARSHAL!

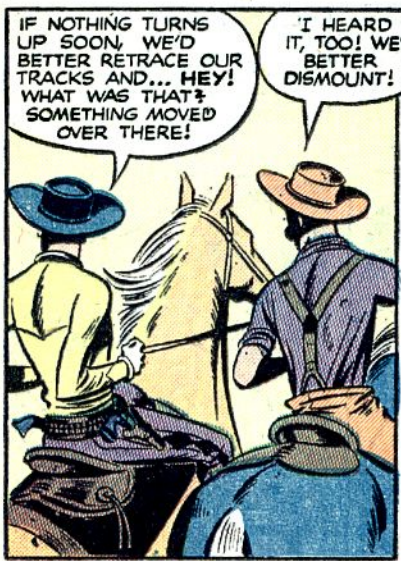
I'M WITH YA!

LET'S GET GOIN', BUMPER!



WELL, DIAMOND, STILL FEEL CONFIDENT? WE'VE BEEN SCOURING THESE MOUNTAINS FOR TWO DAYS NOW - AND NO SIGN OF THE BEAGLES!

IT'S GOT ME BAFFLED, BUMPER! THIS IS CERTAINLY THE LOGICAL LOCATION FOR THEM TO HIDE OUT!



IF NOTHING TURNS UP SOON, WE'D BETTER RETRACE OUR TRACKS AND... HEY! WHAT WAS THAT? SOMETHING MOVED OVER THERE!

I HEARD IT, TOO! WE'D BETTER DISMOUNT!



CAREFUL, DIAMOND! IT MIGHT BE THE BEAGLES!

THE SOUND CAME FROM AROUND THIS ROCK...



EASY, BUMPER - THEY MIGHT HAVE SPOTTED US!



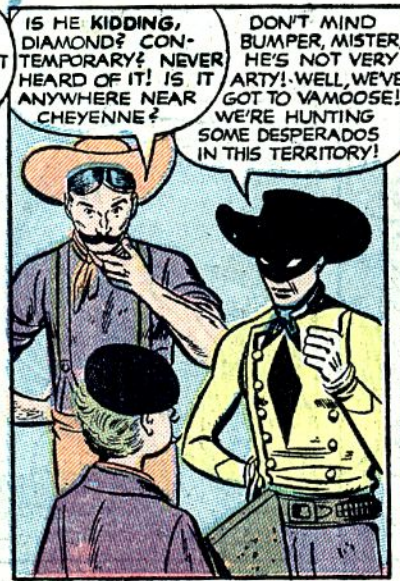
HALT! DON'T MOVE ANOTHER INCH, EITHER ONE OF YOU... YOU'RE RIGHT WHERE I WANT YOU! DON'T EVEN TWITCH A MUSCLE!

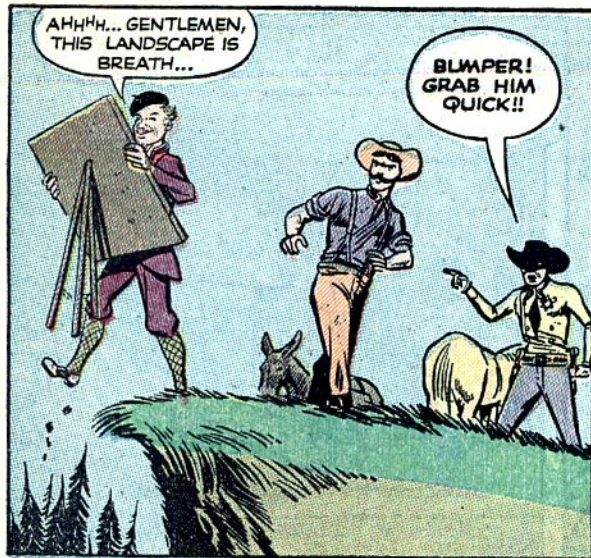
⊖GULP⊖



WHY DON'T THEY SHOOT AND GET IT OVER WITH?

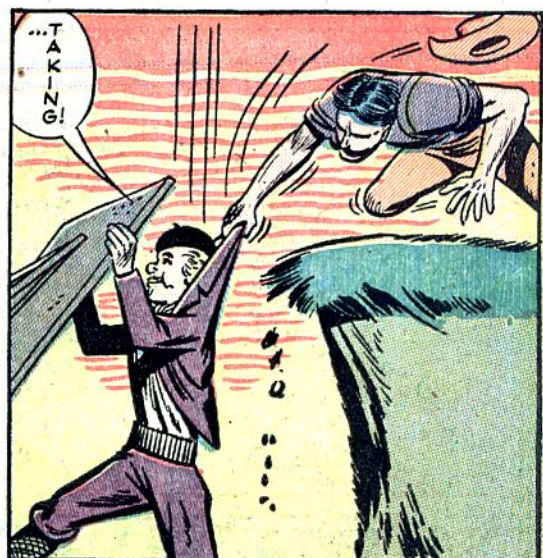
BUMPER! LOOK!



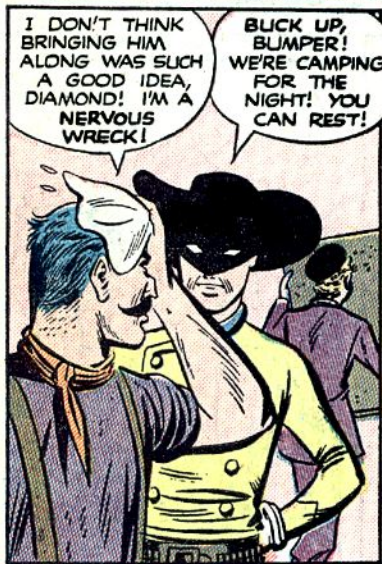


AHHH... GENTLEMEN, THIS LANDSCAPE IS BREATH...

BUMPER! GRAB HIM QUICK!!



...TAKING!



I DON'T THINK BRINGING HIM ALONG WAS SUCH A GOOD IDEA, DIAMOND! I'M A NERVOUS WRECK!

BUCK UP, BUMPER! WE'RE CAMPING FOR THE NIGHT! YOU CAN REST!



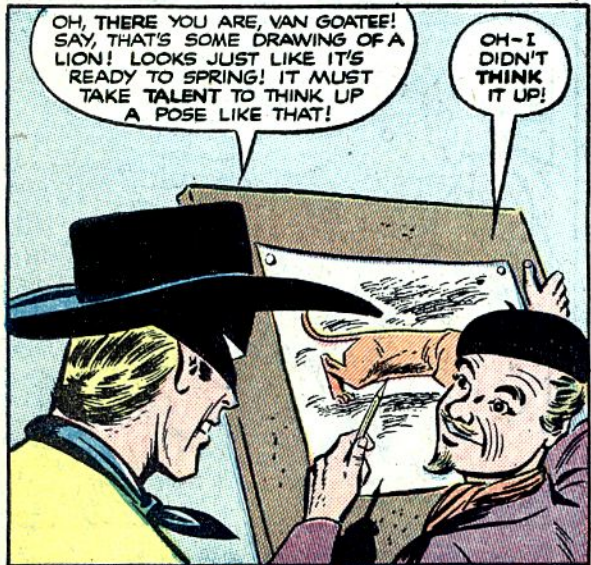
AN EXCELLENT DINNER! NOW I BELIEVE I SHALL STROLL BEFORE DUSK, PERHAPS TO CATCH THE SUNSET!

BE CAREFUL- AND DON'T STAY OUT TOO LONG!



IT'S ALMOST DARK, DIAMOND, AND VAN GOATEE'S NOT BACK!

I'D BETTER FIND HIM BEFORE HE GETS LOST!



OH, THERE YOU ARE, VAN GOATEE! SAY, THAT'S SOME DRAWING OF A LION! LOOKS JUST LIKE IT'S READY TO SPRING! IT MUST TAKE TALENT TO THINK UP A POSE LIKE THAT!

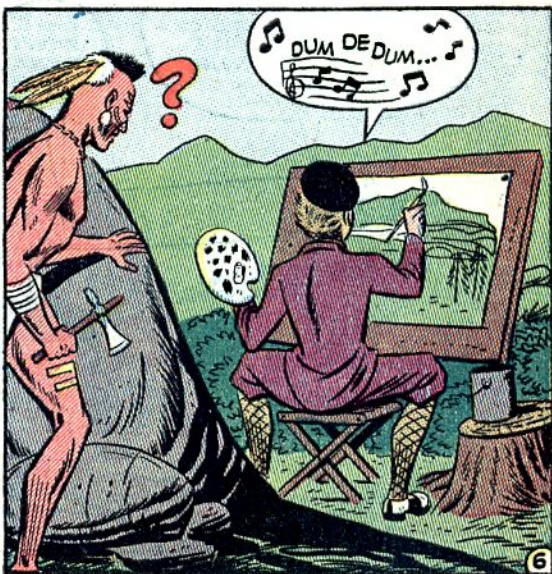
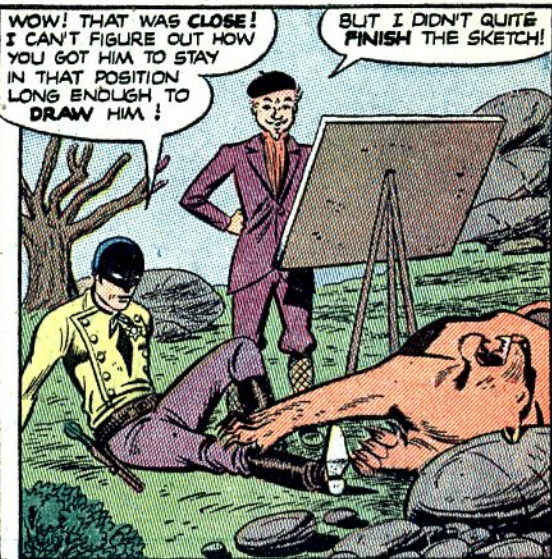
OH-I DIDN'T THINK IT UP!



THERE HE IS-HE'S HELD THAT POSE VERY WELL!

WATCH IT! HE'S GOING TO SPRING!





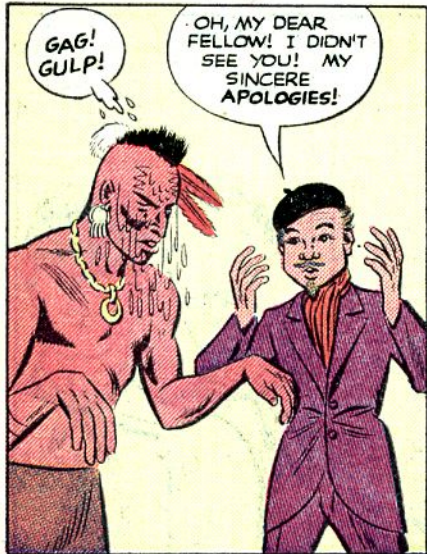


OH, DEAR, THIS PAINT REMOVER IS DIRTY!



I'LL HAVE TO GET ME SOME FRESH REMOVER!

SPLASH!

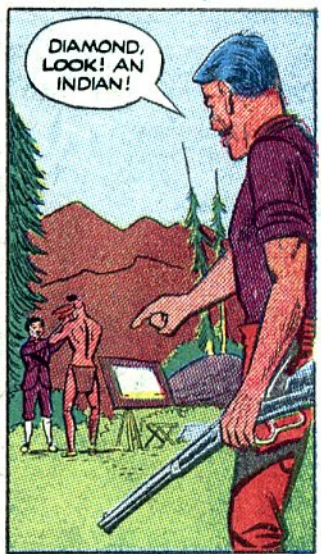


GAG! GULP!

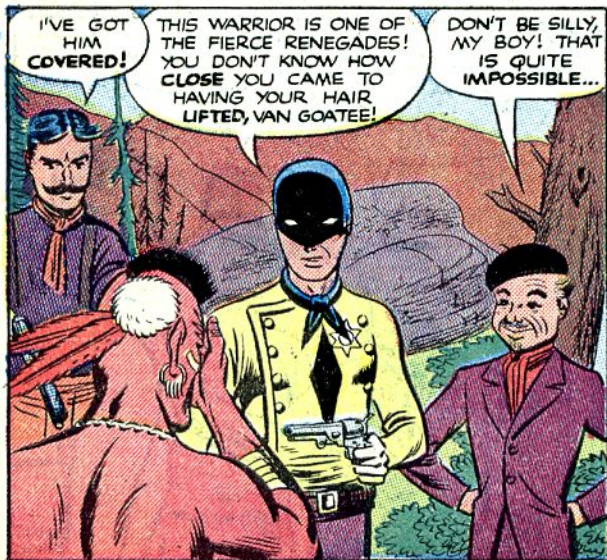
OH, MY DEAR FELLOW! I DIDN'T SEE YOU! MY SINCERE APOLOGIES!



HERE—LET ME HELP WIPE IT OFF!



DIAMOND, LOOK! AN INDIAN!



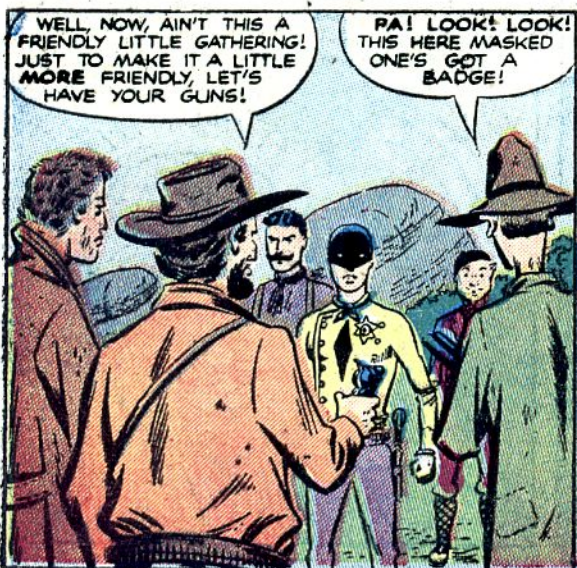
I'VE GOT HIM COVERED!

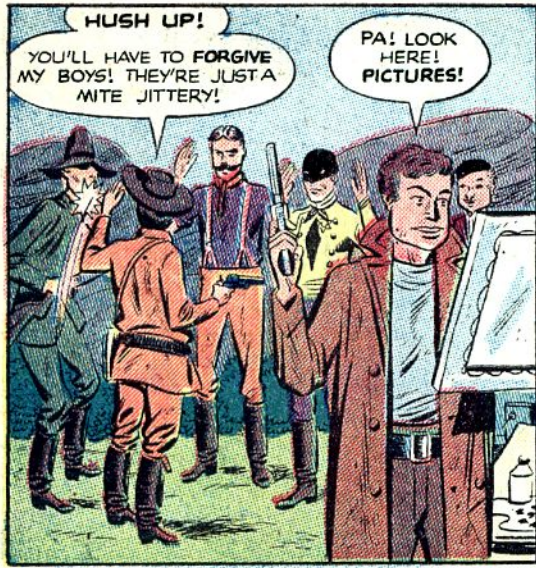
THIS WARRIOR IS ONE OF THE FIERCE RENEGADES! YOU DON'T KNOW HOW CLOSE YOU CAME TO HAVING YOUR HAIR LIFTED, VAN GOATTE!

DON'T BE SILLY, MY BOY! THAT IS QUITE IMPOSSIBLE...



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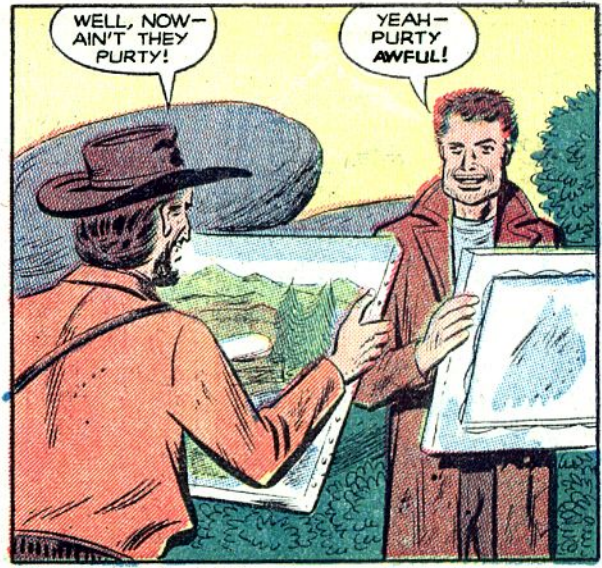




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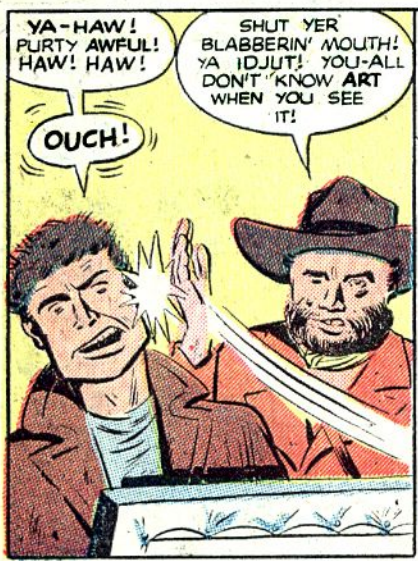
YOU'LL HAVE TO FORGIVE MY BOYS! THEY'RE JUST A MITE JITTERY!

PA! LOOK HERE! PICTURES!



WELL, NOW—AIN'T THEY PURTY!

YEAH—PURTY AWFUL!



YA-HAW! PURTY AWFUL! HAW! HAW!

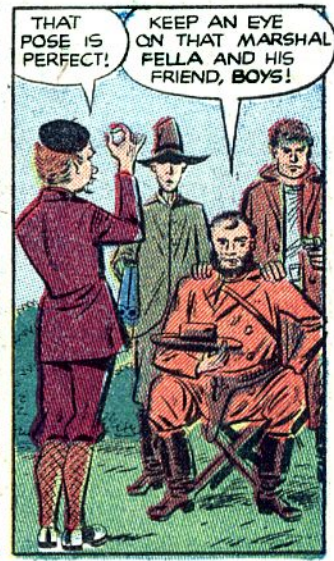
OUCH!

SHUT YER BLABBERIN' MOUTH! YA IDJUT! YOU-ALL DON'T KNOW ART WHEN YOU SEE IT!



SO YOU'RE ONE OF THEM PAINTER FELLAS! I ALWAYS HANKERED TO HAVE MY LIKENESS MADE WITH MY BOYS HERE! KIN YOU DO IT?

OF COURSE, SIR! I'D BE DELIGHTED!



THAT POSE IS PERFECT!

KEEP AN EYE ON THAT MARSHAL FELLA AND HIS FRIEND, BOYS!



THIS PITCHER BETTER BE REAL PURTY-LIKE, MISTER—OR YOU WON'T BE PAINTIN' ANY MORE!

I ASSURE YOU, SIR, IT WILL BE A FLAMING SUCCESS!



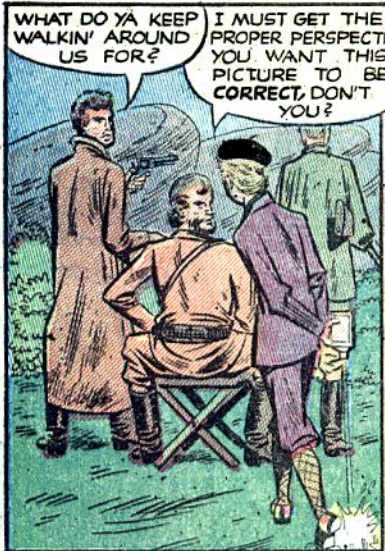
LET'S GET STARTED! WHAT'CHA DOING?

THINNING THE PAINT, SIR—MOST NECESSARY!



WHAT'S HE UP TO, DIAMOND?

I DON'T KNOW— BUT IT BETTER BE GOOD, OR WE'RE COOKED! IF WE MOVE AN INCH, WE'RE DEAD DUCKS!



WHAT DO YA KEEP WALKIN' AROUND US FOR?

I MUST GET THE PROPER PERSPECTIVE! YOU WANT THIS PICTURE TO BE CORRECT, DON'T YOU?

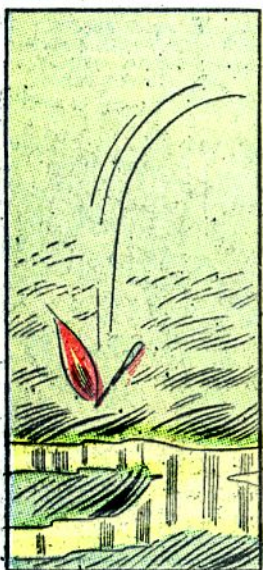


...AS THE LITTLE PAINTER WALKS ROUND AND ROUND THE BEAGLES HE EMPTIES THE HIGHLY INFLAMMABLE PAINT THINNER ONTO THE GROUND...



YOU 'BOUT THROUGH?

QUITE THROUGH!



YEOW!!



GRAB THEM, BUMPER!

WITH PLEASURE!



WELL, VAN GOATEE, THANKS TO YOU, WE CAPTURED THE THREE MOST DANGEROUS KILLERS IN THESE PARTS!

AND THANKS TO YOU, I FINISHED MY ASSIGNMENT! WELL, GOOD-BY, I MUST RETURN NOW!

BE CAREFUL!



AH—DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME! I'M PERFECTLY ABLE TO TAKE CARE OF MYSELF!

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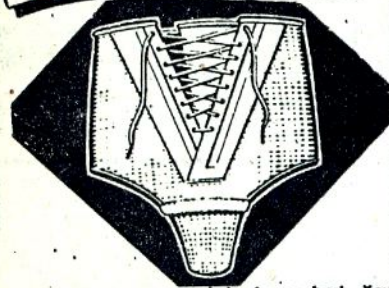
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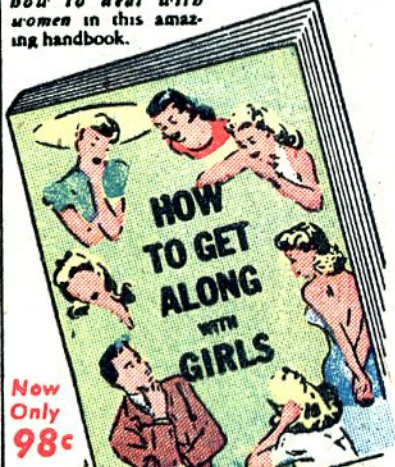
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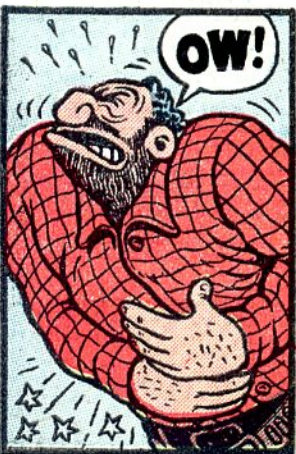
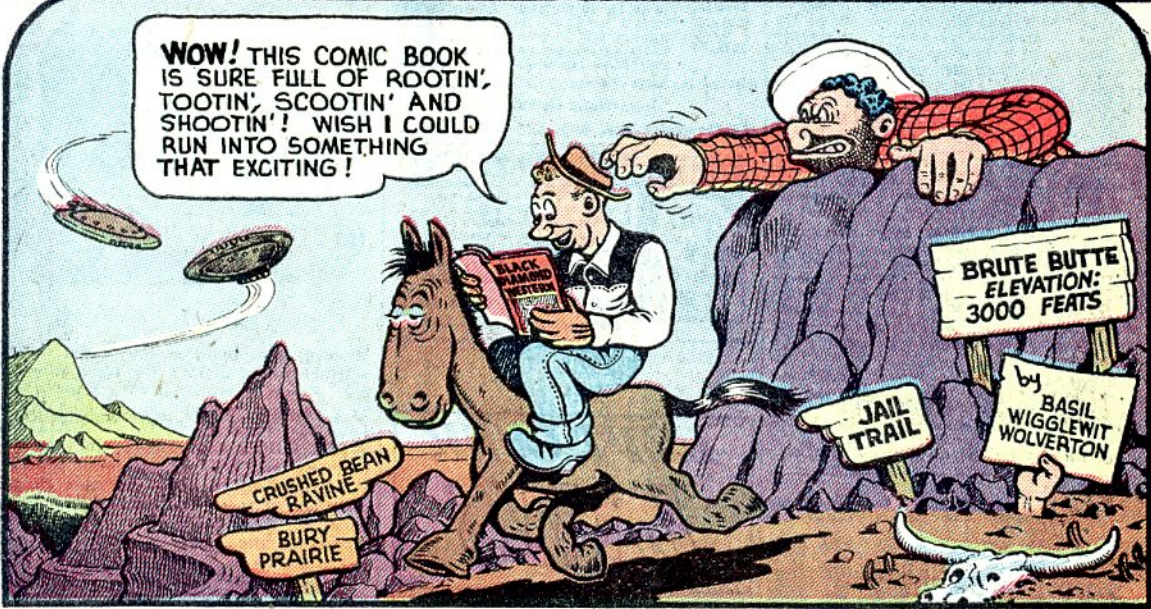
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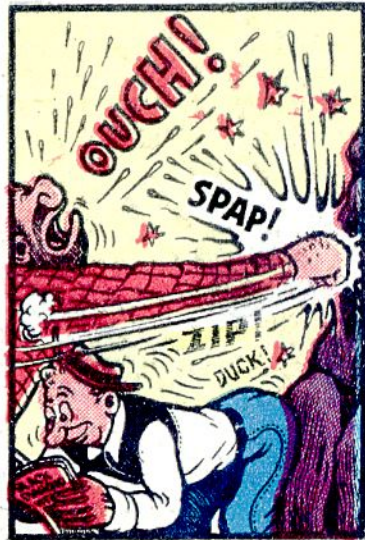
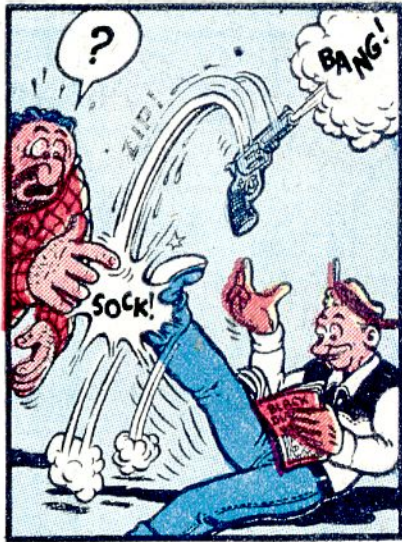
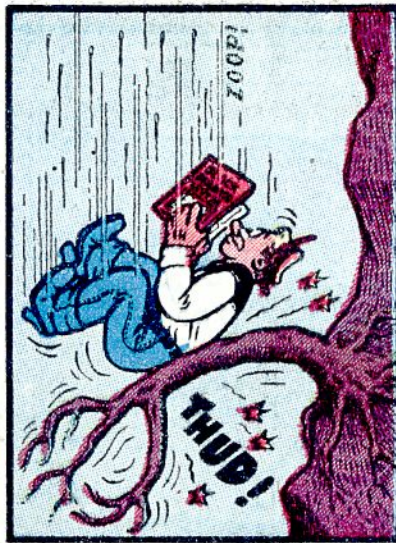
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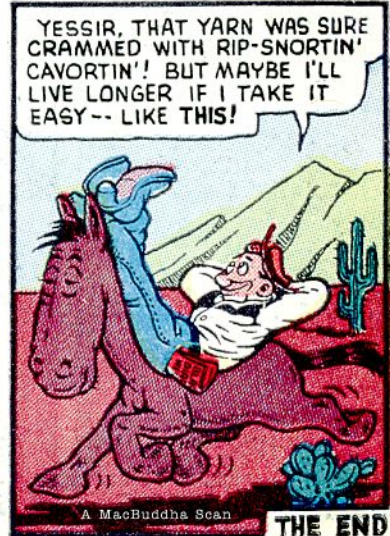
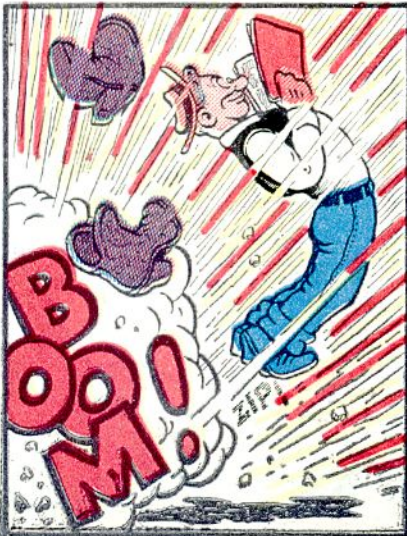
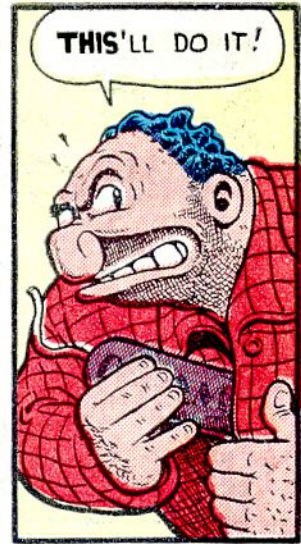
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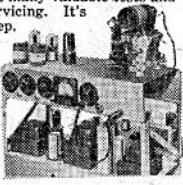


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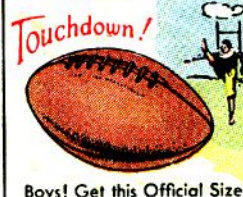
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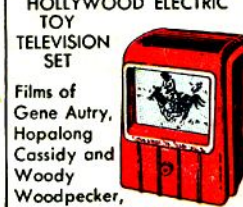
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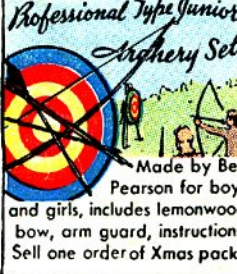
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